THE MADRAS LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

Wednesday, 19th May 1954.

The House met in the Assembly Chamber, Government Estate, Mount Road, at eight of the clock, Mr. Speaker (THE HON. SRI J. SIVASHANMUGAM PILLAI) in the Chair.

I.—QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

STARRED QUESTIONS.

MR. SPEAKER :—" I have put only 120 questions on to-day's agenda. We were not able either to roneo or print the rest of the questions."

Private lands requisitioned for military purposes in Malabar.

MR. SPEAKER :—" The hon. Member Sri A. Appu is not in his place. So, the answer to this question will be printed in the official proceedings."

* 929 *Q.*—

SRI A. APPU : Will the Hon. the Minister for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) the extent of private lands requisitioned in Karakkad and Mundamuka villages in Walluvanad taluk, Malabar district, for military purposes ;

(*b*) the extent of those requisitioned lands restored to the owners of the said lands and the extent of lands allotted to the Metal Industries, Shoranur;

(*c*) whether it is a fact that the above Metal Industries have not been paying rent for long and that the owners have complained to the Collector of Malabar for the payment of arrears and for the restoration of their lands and if so, what action has been taken on this complaint;

(*d*) whether the consent of the owners had been obtained before the lands were allotted to the Metal Industries; and

(*e*) whether it is a fact that the Metal Industries have to repay a loan granted by the Government and that their immovable properties have been attached by the Government?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" (*a*) Karakkad amsam—27·50 acres.

Mundamuka amsam—31·40 acres.

" (*b*) An extent of 39·12 acres was restored to the owners and an extent of 19·78 acres was handed over to the Metal Industries, Shoranur.

" (*c*) Yes. The arrear amount of lease rent to the owners was paid by the Sub-Collector.

" (*d*) No.

" (*e*) Yes."

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Payment of wages to the workers of the Kaleswara Mills, Coimbatore.

* 930 *Q.*—SRI K. P. GOPALAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that the management of the Kaleswara Mills of Coimbatore did not pay wages to the workers since January 1954 violating the Payment of Wages Act, 1936;

(*b*) whether the labourers have approached the Government for action under the Payment of Wages Act; and

(*c*) if so, what action the Government propose to take in the matter?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" (*a*) Yes, Sir.

" (*b*) The Secretary of the Union has filed a group application to the Commissioner of Labour in Form ' B ' under section 15 of the Payment of Wages Act claiming the arrears of wages due to the workers of the Kaleswara Mills, Limited, Coimbatore, for the month of January 1954.

" (*c*) The application was received in the office of the Commissioner of Labour on 22nd February 1954 and was posted for hearing at Coimbatore on the 26th March 1954. On the day of hearing, the Secretary of the Union told the authority that the wages claimed had been paid on 23rd March 1954. The authority ordered the employer to pay costs to the Secretary and the employer did so."

SRI K. P. GOPALAN :—" May I know whether the mill management has given any notice regarding the temporary closure of the mills and may I also know from the Labour Minister whether the management has paid the wages according to the Industrial Disputes (Amendment) Act? "

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" I would like to have notice."

Fixation of the maximum number of Judges for the Madras High Court.

* 928 *Q.*—SRI M. KALYANASUNDRAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the President has fixed the maximum number of Judges for the Madras High Court consequent on the separation of the Andhra High Court;

(*b*) if so, the maximum number fixed; and

(*c*) whether the Government have made any suggestions to the President in this connexion and if so, the number suggested by them?

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THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" (a) & (b) Not yet.

" (c) Yes. The State Government's recommendations in this regard have been sent to the Government of India and as the matter is treated as secret it is regretted that particulars cannot be given."

Offices of the Andhra State located in Madras City.

* 931 Q.—SRI M. KALYANASUNDRAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(a) the offices of Heads of Departments of the Andhra State which continue to be located in Madras City; and

(b) whether the Government have ascertained from the Andhra Government when they are likely to be shifted to the Andhra State?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" (a) All offices of the Heads of departments of the Andhra State except those of the Inspector-General of Police and Chief Engineer of the Public Works Department are still located in Madras City.

" (b) These Andhra offices in Madras City are located in private rented buildings, and they will be shifted to the Andhra area as and when the Government of Andhra are able to make suitable arrangements for locating these offices in the Andhra State. This is the arrangement agreed to at the time of the partition."

SRI M. KALYANASUNDRAM :—" மீதம் இருக்கக்கூடிய காரியாலயங்கள் ஆந்திரப் பிரதேசத்தில் முடிவாகப் போவதற்கு இன்னும் எவ்வளவு கால்மாகும் என்பது பற்றி ஆந்திர சர்க்கார் ஏதாவது உறுதி மொழி கொடுத்திருக்கிறார்களா ?"

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" No, Sir. As soon as buildings are available in the Andhra State, I am sure they will shift. They are also interested in shifting their offices as early as possible."

Maintenance of the Sholatiram-Srimushnam road.

* 932 Q.—SRI S. SWAMIKANNU : Will the Hon. the Minister for Local Administration be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Sholatiram-Srimushnam road is maintained by the Highways department or by the district board;

(b) the amount spent annually for its maintenance; and

(c) whether any special repairs were carried out to this road during the current year and if so, at what cost?

THE HON. SRI S. S. RAMASAMY PADAYACHI :—" (a) The road is maintained by the South Arcot District Board.

" (b) The average annual expenditure for the last four years is roughly Rs. 8,000.

" (c) No, Sir."

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Sri S. SWAMIKANNU :—" ரோடுகளுக்கு கருங்கல் சல்லி போட சர்க்கார் முன் வருமா என்று கேட்கிறேன்."

The Hon. Sri S. S. RAMASAMY PADAYACHI :—" இது பற்றி டிஸ்டிரிக்ட் போர்ட் மூலமாக அந்த proposal-ஐ அனுப்பும்படி கேட்கிறேன்."

Amount due to the Government from the Aaron Spinning and Weaving Mills, Limited, Pappinisseri, North Malabar.

* 933 *Q.*—Sri M. NARAYANA KURUP : Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state whether any and if so, what amount is due to the Government from the management of Aaron Spinning and Weaving Mills, Limited, North Malabar, towards the bill for the supply of electricity to the mills?

The Hon. Raja Sri SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI :—" Supply of electricity to the Aaron Spinning and Weaving Mills, Limited, Pappinisseri, North Malabar, is made by the electric licensee for the area, viz., the Cannanore-Tellicherry Electric Licensee, and, therefore, the question of any amount being due to the Government for supply of power to the mills does not arise."

Teacher-pupil ratio in elementary schools.

* 934 *Q.*—

Mr. SPEAKER :—" The hon. Member Sri T. Ananta Pai is not in his place. So, the answer to this question will be printed in the official proceedings."

Sri T. ANANTA PAI : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state whether the Government have passed any orders increasing the teacher-pupil ratio in elementary schools?

The Hon. Sri C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" The Government have accepted the recommendations of the Parulekar Committee that, in the schools run by local bodies, the teacher-pupil ratio should be increased from 35 pupils on rolls per teacher to 60 pupils on rolls for both the sessions by June 1954, and that in the case of aided schools the present standard of 20 attending pupils per teacher should be raised to 30 by June 1954, 40 by June 1955 and 50 by June 1956. The Director of Public Instruction has brought the increased ratios to the notice of the local bodies and private managements. But this will not, however, affect in any way the assurance given by the Government that there will be no retrenchment of teachers as a result of the Modified Scheme, as the Government have definite plans for absorbing the teachers rendered surplus to requirements, by the application of the increased teacher-pupil ratio.

" 2. Further no action will be taken in regard to this ratio, pending the present Government's decision regarding the Modified Scheme of Elementary Education introduced by the previous Ministry."

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* 935 *Q.*—SRI M. KALYANASUNDRAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that the Director of Public Instruction has issued orders to increase the ratio of pupils to a teacher from 35 to 60; and

(*b*) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" This is with reference to the Parulekar Committee's report. In view of the decision of the Government with regard to that report which I have announced yesterday on the floor of the House, this question will not arise, Sir."

Damages due to the attack of pest and diseases on the paddy crops in Gingee taluk.

* 936 *Q.*—SRI K. ARANGANATHAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state the extent of damages caused by the attack of pest and diseases on the paddy crops in Gingee taluk during the period from July to December 1953?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" About 17 per cent of the paddy crop or about 1,950 acres were affected by pests and diseases in the Gingee taluk during the period from July to December 1953."

SRI K. ARANGANATHAN :—" Sir, it is not 1,950 odd acres, but about 20,000 acres of paddy crop that has been affected. It seems that the Government have not given so far any remission for them. There was also failure on the part of the Agriculture Department to supply the necessary insecticides. May I know what steps the Government have taken regarding the default of the Agriculture Department? "

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" I do not admit there was any default as such. When the stock of insecticides was exhausted, it was immediately replenished. Whatever be the extent of crops that were affected by pests, the damage is assessed only at 17 per cent."

Imprisonment for default in the payment of sales tax.

* 937 *Q.*—SRI K. T. RAJU : Will the Hon. the Minister for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) the number of merchants imprisoned for default in the payment of sales tax;

(*b*) how many of them are women; and

(*c*) how many are really unable to pay sales tax?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" The hon. Member has not specified the year in respect of which he wants the information. The figures for the year 1953 are as follows :—

(a) Forty-three.

(b) Two.

(c) Forty."

SRI K. T. RAJU :—" இவர்கள் அன்றைய தினம் வரி செலுத்த முடியாமல் கஷ்டப்படும் நிலைமையில் இருந்தார்கள் என்பதை மந்திரி அவர்கள் உணர்வாரா ?"

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" In such cases, there will be two sets of people; one set who cannot afford and do not pay and another set who can afford, but still do not pay."

Gazetted officers whose services have been lent to the Madras Corporation.

* 938 Q.—SRI S. RAMALINGAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Local Administration be pleased to state—

(a) the number of Gazetted officers whose services have been lent to the Madras City Corporation; and

(b) if so, on what conditions?

THE HON. SRI S. S. RAMASAMY PADAYACHI :—" (a) One, Sir.

(b) The officer has been appointed as Commissioner, Corporation of Madras, for a period of three years on a pay of Rs. 1,200 per mensem with an annual increment of Rs. 50 plus dearness allowance at the usual rate. His pay and allowance as well as contribution towards his leave salary and pension will be met from the funds of the Corporation."

SRI K. VINAYAKAM :—" When this officer has been loaned for a period of three years, if his service expired within three years, may I know what arrangements the Government will make in such a contingency? "

THE HON. SRI S. S. RAMASAMY PADAYACHI :—" It has been already settled by the Government."

Increase of bus fare by half a pie per mile.

* 939 Q.—SRI K. P. GOPALAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Religious Endowments and Transport be pleased to state—

(a) whether it is a fact that the Government have given permission to the bus owners of this State to increase the bus fare by half a pie per mile; and

(b) if so, the reasons therefor?

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THE HON. SRI B. PARAMESWARAN :—" (a) Yes, Sir.

" (b) The maximum fares for stage carriages fixed under the Motor Vehicles Act have been enhanced in respect of all stage carriages, in view of the judgment of the High Court in writ petitions Nos. 42, 43, etc., of 1953."

SRI K. P. GOPALAN :—" In view of the fact that the former Chief Minister and former Transport Minister gave an assurance to this House that no surcharge will be levied on passengers, will the present Transport Minister be pleased to cancel this surcharge imposed on the bus-owners as well as the increase in bus fares? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" Sir, that assurance was incorporated in the provisions of the Act itself. Unfortunately, the High Court has held that, as far as that portion of the Act is concerned, it is invalid. That is no justification to give any remission to bus-owners as far as this tax is concerned."

SRI S. RAMALINGAM :—" ஹைக்கோர்ட்டிலே சட்டத்தில் அந்தப் பகுதி செல்லுபடியாகவில்லை என்று மந்திரி அவர்கள் சொன்னார்கள். ஆனால் அந்தமாதிரி ஹைகோர்ட் தீர்ப்புகள் கொடுத்த பிறகுகூட இந்த சபையில் அந்தச் சட்டங்களை நாம் திருத்தியிருக்கிறோம். ஆனால் பொது ஜனங்களுக்கு நன்மை அளிக்கக்கூடிய இந்தச் சட்டத்தை மட்டும் திருத்துவதற்கு ஏன் இன்னும் சர்க்கார் முன்வரவில்லை என்று கேட்கிறேன்."

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" The matter is being examined." 8-10 a.m.

SRI K. P. GOPALAN :—" Sir, the surcharge per seat in the bus will come to about Rs. 12 and according to the new increase in the bus fare, it will come to about Rs. 33. May I request the Hon. Minister to state whether it is the intention of this Government to help the bus-owners while at the same time putting passengers to trouble? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" Sir, the arithmetic of the hon. Member is evidently wrong."

Decision of the High Court regarding Madras Motor Vehicles (Taxation of Passengers and Goods) Act, 1952.

* 940 Q.—SRI K. T. SREEDHARAN (on behalf of Sri V. R. Krishna Ayyar) : Will the Hon. the Minister for Religious Endowments and Transport be pleased to state what action has been taken by the Government with reference to the decision of the Madras High Court in writ petition No. 262 of 1953, bearing on the Madras Motor Vehicles (Taxation of Passengers and Goods) Act, 1952?

THE HON. SRI B. PARAMESWARAN :—" In view of the decision of the High Court, the Government have raised the maximum fares already prescribed by them under section 43 (1) (ii) of the Motor Vehicles Act by ½ pie per mile so as to cover the tax under the Madras Motor Vehicles (Taxation of Passengers and Goods) Act, 1952."

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SRI T. C. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR :—" Sir, the Hon. Finance Minister said just now that he was considering the question. But now in the answer given by the Hon. Minister for Transport, nothing is mentioned when a particular question relating to the same thing is put. May I know from the Hon. Minister whether in the light of the High Court judgment and the difficulties to which the travelling public are put, the Government will be pleased to expedite consideration and see that necessary action is taken immediately? "

THE HON. SRI B. PARAMESWARAN :—" Sir, in view of the decision of the High Court, the Government have raised the maximum fares already prescribed by them under section 43 (1) (ii) of the Motor Vehicles Act by half-a-pie per mile so as to cover the Motor Vehicles (Taxation of Passengers and Goods) Act, 1952. According to the revised rates, the maximum fare prescribed by Government in March 1954 and the maximum fare per mile in the plains in the mufassal, except urban areas where there are town services, have been increased to 7½ pies; and rates on ghat roads have also been increased."

SRI S. DEIVASIGAMANY :—" May I know whether in practice the operators do collect ½ pie per mile from the passengers and if so in what routes? "

THE HON. SRI B. PARAMESWARAN :—" Notice, Sir."

Pitchaya Pillai Bharathanatya Vidyalaya, Tanjore.

* 941 *Q.*—SRI K. ARANGANATHAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) the total amount of public money spent during 1952–53 for the Pitchaya Pillai Bharathanatya Vidyalaya, Tanjore; and

(*b*) the total strength during the years 1952–53 and 1953–54 in the above school?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" (*a*) Nil.

		Boys.	Girls.	
" (*b*) 1952–53	..	1	13	(as on 31st March 1953)
1953–54	..	1	13	(as on 1st August 1953) "

SRI K. ARANGANATHAN :—" What is the necessity for running the Bharathanatya Vidyalaya and how is it going to enhance the status and culture of the State? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" I have already stated that no public money is spent. It is a private institution and we cannot prevent private institutions being run."

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Closure of factories in 1954.

* 942 Q.—Sri M. KALYANASUNDRAM: Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(*a*) the number of factories that were closed during the first quarter of 1954; and

(*b*) the total number of workers thrown out of employment due to the above closure?

The Hon. Sri M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" (*a*) Thirty-five factories were closed during the 1st quarter of 1954.

" (*b*) Four thousand seven hundred and seventy-four workers were affected by the closures."

Sri M. KALYANASUNDRAM :—" இந்த தொழிற்சாலைகளை மீண்டும் திறப்பதற்கு சர்க்கார் என்ன நடவடிக்கை எடுத்திருக்கிறது ? "

The Hon. Sri M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" Sir, sixteen factories were closed due to financial difficulties, loss in business, slump in trade. Eleven factories were closed permanently. In all 4,774 workers were involved in the closure. Of them, only 71 have been provided with alternative employment; the wages of 62 workers have been adjusted and in the case of certain other workers who are affected, action is being taken under the Industrial Tribunal Award. I do not have any information with me regarding the possibilities of reopening these factories. In the case of Kothandaram Spinning Mills, Madurai, 424 workers are involved and the Special Tribunal has ordered payment of compensation to them. In the Kolliparam Spinning Mill. 1,148 workers were involved when the mill was closed for ten days for Boiler inspection. They have been made eligible only for leave with wages."

Sri K. P. GOPALAN :—" Sir, regarding the number of factories closed, I am of opinion that there are more factories closed than is mentioned by the Hon. Minister for Labour. In view of the fact that unemployment is very acute in our State, will the Government be pleased to take steps to issue an Ordinance preventing the factory owners from closing their factories without the sanction of the Government? "

The Hon. Sri M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" Sir, if certain factories are closed due to financial difficulties, loss of business etc., I do not think it will serve any useful purpose if an Ordinance is issued. If the hon. Member has got further particulars about the closure of more factories, I would like him to give me the particulars so that I may look into the matter."

Sri M. NARAYANA KURUP :—" Sir, when factories are closed for financial reasons, is it not a fact that the Government simply accept the statement of the managements without conducting any independent enquiry as to the soundness or otherwise of the claim put forward by them? "

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The Hon. Sri M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" Sir, the hon. Member's presumption is totally wrong."

Sri M. JAGANNATHAN :—" May I know whether any factories were closed either on account of lock-outs or strikes? "

The Hon. Sri M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" I would like to have notice, Sir."

Sri K. P. GOPALAN :—" May I know whether the Government are aware that so many factories are closed in order to defeat the purpose of the Labour Disputes Act and the various other Acts passed by the Government and if so, what steps the Government are going to take to protect the workers? "

The Hon. Sri M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" Sir, wherever factories are closed in order to defeat the very purpose of the benefits that the workers can get under the Industrial Disputes Act, Government have been taking appropriate action."

Sri N. K. PALANISAMI :—" பாக்டரிகள் மூடுவதற்குமுன்பு அதிலே எவ்வளவு லாபம் வந்திருக்கிறது என்பதையும், லாபத்தில் ஏதாவது குறைந்திருக்கிறதா, ஏன் மூடப்படுகின்றது என்பதையும் சர்க்கார் விசாரணை செய்த பின்பு, அவைகள் மூடப்படுவதற்கு உத்தரவு போடுவார்களா ? "

Mr. SPEAKER :—" இந்தக் கேள்வியை, குரூப் அவர்கள் முன்பே கேட்டிருக்கிறார். நீங்கள் அதை இப்பொழுது தமிழில் கேட்கிறீர்கள்."

The Hon. Sri M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" பாக்டரி மூடப்படுவதற்கு முன்பு அரசாங்கம் விசாரணை செய்து உத்தரவு போட்டபிறகுதான் மூடப்படவேண்டுமென்று ஏற்பாடு செய்வது கொஞ்சம் கஷ்டமாக இருக்கும். சில சமயங்களில் அவர்களே வேறு வழிவகை இல்லாமல் மூட வேண்டியிருக்கிறது. ஆனால் முன்பு சொன்னதுபோல் எங்கெங்கே பாக்டரிகள் மூடப்படுகின்றனவோ அங்கெல்லாம் அரசாங்கம் வேண்டிய விசாரணை செய்துகொண்டு வருகின்றனர். இரண்டாவதாக சொல்லப்பட்ட பாக்டரி விசாரணை விஷயத்தைப்பற்றி நான் முன்பு பதில் சொன்னேன். அதற்கு முன்பு அவர்கள் மூடி விட்டார்கள். தகுந்த காரணங்களுடன் மூடி விட்டதாக அரசாங்கத்திற்கு எழுதியிருந்தார்கள். பின்பு லேபர் டிபார்ட்மென்டுக்கு விசாரணை ஏற்பாடு செய்யச் சொன்னேன். அத்துடன் நிற்கவில்லை. இப்போது ஷார்ட் நோட்டீஸ் கேள்விகள் கேட்கப்பட்டிருக்கின்றன. இன்னும் அதற்கு பதில் அளிக்கவில்லை. அதன் மத்தியில் அந்த தொழிலாளிகள் சத்தியாகிரஹத்தை நிறுத்திவிட்டதால் மேனேஜ்மென்டையும் தொழிலாளர்களுடைய பிரதிநிதிகளையும் (Workers' Representative) இங்கு அழைத்துப் பேசுவதாகச் சொன்னேன். அதேமாதிரி நேற்று காலையில் சத்தியாகிரஹத்தை நிறுத்திவிட்டார்கள் என்று சொன்னேன். ஆகவே 24-ம் தேதி நான் அதைப்பற்றி அவர்களுடன் இங்கு கலந்து பேசப்போகின்றேன். அரசாங்கம் இதுபற்றி சும்மா இருக்கவில்லை என்பதை நிரூபிப்பதற்கு இதை திருஷ்டாந்தமாகச் சொல்லுகிறேன்."

Sri S. RAMALINGAM :—" 1954-ம் ஆண்டு முதல் மூன்று மாதங்களில், 16 மில்கள் மூடப்பட்டதால் 4 ஆயிரம் தொழிலாளர்கள் வேலை இழந்திருப்பதாக மந்திரி அவர்கள் தகவல் கொடுத்தார்கள். இதிலிருந்து வேலையில்லாத் திண்டாட்டாம் எவ்வளவு பயங்கரமாகப் பரவிக்கொண்டு வருகிறது என்பதை உணரமுடியும். ஆகையால் இந்த வேலையில்லாத் திண்டாட்டத்தைத் தடுப்பதற்கு, மில்களை மூடாமல் இருப்பதற்காக அவர்களுக்கு ஏதாவது நிதி உதவவேண்டுமென்று சர்க்காரைக் கேட்டால் தாராளமாகக் கொடுப்பதற்கு முன் வருவார்களா ? "

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THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" நான் முன்பு பதில் சொன்னேன். தொழிலாளர்களுக்கு வேலையில்லாமல் போகுமே என்பதற்காக கண்ணை மூடிக்கொண்டு நிதி உதவி கொடுத்துவிட முடியாது. அந்த பாக்டரி கடன் கொடுப்பதற்கு பொறுமானமுள்ளதாக இருந்தால்தான் நிதி உதவி கொடுக்கமுடியும்."

SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP :—" The Hon. Minister said that 16 mills have been closed for financial reasons. May I know whether there had been any instance where the Government had disagreed with the managements in respect of this question after their enquiry into the financial position of the mills? "

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" I would like to have notice."

SRI M. KALYANASUNDRAM :—" Sir, மூடப்பட்ட தொழிற் 8–20 a.m.
சாலைகளை தொழிலாளிகளே எடுத்து நடத்துவதற்கு முன் வந்தால் அவர்க ளிடம் அவைகளை ஒப்படைப்பதற்கு சட்டம் இயற்ற சர்க்கார் முன் வருவார் களா ? "

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" The Government will examine that question."

SRI T. C. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR :—" The Hon. Minister said that 4,700 workers were unemployed consequent upon the closure of mills. May I inform him that in my constituency alone, that is, Talliparamba, which is a backward area and which is not industrialized, there are 5,000 handloom workers, 400 workers in Pappinisseri and other pen knife works, 1,400 workers in Aaron Mills, Pappinisseri, 200 workers in the Oil Works, Narath and 500 workers in Mamparam Tile Works in South Malabar are unemployed and may I ask him whether the Government will issue an order directing the factories to be opened again and help the managements concerned with finances for the purpose? "

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" I have already answered that Government will take all possible steps in order to help the workers to be re-employed."

SRI C. KANDASAMI :—" பொறுமானம் இருந்தால் அந்தத் தொழிலுக்குக் கடன் கொடுக்கமுடியும் என்று கனம் மந்திரி அவர்கள் சொன்னார். இதிலிருந்து என்ன தெரிகிறதென்றால் பல தொழில்கள் போலித்தனமான முறையில், சரியான மூலதனம் போடப்படாமலும், சரியான ஏற்பாடுகள் செய்யப்படாமலும் நடத்தப்படுகின்றன என்று ஏற் படுகிறது. இதன் காரணமாக தொழிலும் பாதிக்கப்படுகிறது ; வேலை யில்லாத் திண்டாட்டமும் அதிகரிக்கிறது என்று தெரியவருவதனால், போலித்தனமாகக் கம்பெனிகளை ஆரம்பிக்கக்கூடிய முயற்சிகளைக் கட்டுப் படுத்த சர்க்கார் முன்வருவார்களா ? "

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" போலித்தனமாக ஆரம்பிக்கக்கூடிய கம்பெனிகளை சர்க்கார் தங்களுடைய சட்ட வரம்புக்கு உட்பட்டு கட்டுப்படுத்தும். ஆனால், நல்ல வகையில் ஆரம்பித்து, பின்னால் பொருளாதார நிலை திருப்திகரமாக இல்லாத காரணத்தினாலோ அல்லது சரிவர நிர்வகிக்கப்படாததனாலோ அல்லது தொழிலாளிகளினால் ஏற்படும் கஷ்டங்களினாலோ அந்தக் கம்பெனிகள் கெட்டுப்போயிருக்கலாம்."

SRI V. MADANAGOPAL :—" தொழிற்சாலைகள் மூடப்பட்டதன் காரணமாக சம்பந்தப்பட்ட தொழிலாளர்கள் அடங்கிய தூதுகோஷ்டி யொன்று கனம் மந்திரி அவர்களைச் சந்தித்துக் கேட்டபோது. " தொழிற்

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சாலேகளை மூடவேண்டாமென்று தடுப்பதற்கு எங்களிடம் அதிகாரம் இல்லே, என்று கனம் மந்திரி அவர்கள் கூறியது உண்டு. அப்படியானுல், இதுபோன்று மூடப்பட்டிருக்கக்கூடிய தொழிற்சாலேகள் சம்பந்தமாக அவைகள் மூடப்படுவதற்கு முன்னுல், சர்க்கார் அதில் தலையிட்டு, தொழிற்சாலேகளை மூடக்கூடாது என்று உத்தரவு பிறப்பிக்கக்கூடிய அதிகாரங்களைப் பெறுவதற்கு மத்திய சர்க்காரிடம் இது சம்பந்தமாகச் சிபார்சு செய்யுமா ? ''

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" அப்படிப்பட்ட தூதுகோஷ்டி எப்பொழுது வந்தார்கள் என்று எனக்குத் தெரியவில்லே. ஆனுல் தொழிற்சாலேகளை மூடக்கூடாது என்று உத்தரவு போடுவதற்கும் இடம் இல்லாமல் இல்லே, அரசாங்கம் அதைச் செய்யாமலும் இல்லே. சில சந்தர்ப்பங்களில் தொழிற்சாலேகள் மூடப்படுவது தவிர்க்கமுடியாது என்றுதான் நான் சொல்லி இருக்கிறேன்.''

Construction of Coleroon bridge in Sirkali taluk.

* 943 *Q.*—SRI C. MUTHIAH PILLAI : Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(*a*) the original estimated amount for the construction of Coleroon bridge, Sirkali taluk;

(*b*) the revised estimate and the cost of the work now;

(*c*) the stage at which the work stands and the probable time when the construction of the bridge will be completed; and

(*d*) whether there was any change in the selection of contractors and if so, why?

THE HON. RAJA SRI SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI :—" (*a*) Rs. 28·50 lakhs as sanctioned.

" (*b*) Proposals for the revised estimate have not been received from the Chief Engineer.

" (*c*) The substructure of the bridge is almost complete and the work on superstructure is in progress. The bridge is expected to be completed by the end of 1955.

" (*d*) No.''

SRI C. MUTHIAH PILLAI :—" வேலே ஆரம்பித்து மூன்று வருஷங்கள் ஆகியும் இன்னும் அஸ்திவாரம் கூட கட்டி முடியவில்லே. அஸ்திவாரக் கிணறு 60 அடி தோண்டப்பட்டது ஒன்றேடொன்று சேர்ந்துவிட்டால் 'superstructure' புதிய முறையில் கட்டும்படியாக நேர்ந்துவிட்டது. அங்கு வந்திருந்த இரும்பு சாமான்கள் வேறு இடத்திற்குப் போகக் காரணமென்ன என்பதை மந்திரி அவர்களேத் தெரிவிக்குமாறு வேண்டுகிறேன்.

THE HON. RAJA SRI SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI :—" Sir, the work has been . . .''

SRI V. MADANAGOPAL :—" On a point of order, Sir, மந்திரி அவர்கள் பதில் கூறுகிறபோது ஆங்கிலத்தில் பேசினுல் என்ன விஷயங்கள் சொல்லப்படுகின்றன என்பதை ஆங்கிலம் புரியாத அங்கத்தினர்கள் தெரிந்துகொள்வதற்கு முடியவில்லே. இதனுல் அங்கத்தினர்கள் சட்டசபை நடவடிக்கைகளில் பயனுள்ள வகையில் பங்கெடுத்துக் கொள்ளமுடியவில்லே. ஆகவே, அங்கத்தினர்களுடைய உரிமை பறிக்கப்படுகிறது. நேற்றையதினம் பார்லிமெண்டில் பண்டித ஜவஹர்லால் நேரு அவர்களே இந்தியிலும், ஆங்கிலத்திலும் பதில் கூறியிருக்கிறுர். அதே மாதிரியாக, கேள்விகளுக்கு ஆங்கிலத்தில் பதில்கள் தயாரிக்கப்பட்டிருப்

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பதனால் அவைகளைத் தமிழில் கூறுவிட்டாலும்கூட, உப கேள்விகளுக்குப் பதிலளிக்கும் போதாவது தமிழில் சொன்னால் ஆங்கிலம் தெரியாத அங்கத்தினர்கள் புரிந்து கொள்வதற்கு அனுகூலமாக இருக்கும் என்று தெரிவித்துக்கொள்கின்றேன்."

Mr. SPEAKER :—" தமிழில் மந்திரிகள் பதில் அளித்தாலும் உங்கள் பக்கத்திலேயே உட்கார்ந்திருக்கும் மலையாள அங்கத்தினர் அதற்கு ஆட்சேபணை கிளப்புகிறார் என்பதையும் நீங்கள் அறிவீர்கள். It is not possible now."

Sri T. C. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR :—" Sir, we, Malayalees—I am not speaking for myself but for all who cannot follow replies in Tamil—do not object to the Hon. Minister speaking in Tamil but when the replies involve matters of policy, our right to understand what is said should not be curtailed and, therefore, the replies should be made in English also."

The Hon. Raja Sri SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI :—" The work has been in progress and in the middle, the estimates had to be revised. That is why there is some delay. But about the allegation that some of the materials have been transported to some other place, I want notice to answer it."

Sri N. VENKATRAMA AYYAR :—" The original estimate has been considerably increased now and it comes to nearly 28 lakhs of rupees. In view of the unsatisfactory financial position of the District Boards of Tanjore and South Arcot, will the respective Boards be relieved of their full burden to bear the proportionate share of the increase in the cost of construction of the Coleroon bridge?"

The Hon. Raja Sri SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI :—" I cannot give any promise with reference to that. The original estimate was for Rs. 26 lakhs of which the Government's share was Rs. 14 lakhs, Tanjore's share, Rs. 8 lakhs and South Arcot's, Rs. 4 lakhs. Now it has gone up to Rs. 28 lakhs. So the additional is not anything appreciable and if the District Boards make any representation in this regard, it will be considered."

Sri V. R. NAGARAJAN :—" Under the revised estimates, has any additional sum of money been asked for from the South Arcot District Board?"

The Hon. Raja Sri SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI :—" Yes, Sir. They will have to bear the proportionate cost of construction. The revised estimate has not yet come. When it comes, their liability will be fixed. Before that, how could we say anything and how could the hon. Member ask for a waiver on some fictitious assumption?"

Sri C. MUTHIAH PILLAI :—" சென்ற ஒரு வருஷ காலமாக administrative expense மாத்திரம் நடக்கிறதே தவிர, வேலை ஒன்றும் நடந்ததாகத் தெரியவில்லை. அதற்குக் காரணம் என்ன என்று அறிவிக்க வேண்டுகிறேன்."

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THE HON. RAJA SRI SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI :—" That is not correct, Sir."

Increase of bed-strength in the Government Hospital, Salem.

* 944 *Q.*—SRI K. V. RAMASWAMI : Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state—

(*a*) the number of beds in the Government Hospital, Salem, at present; and

(*b*) whether there is any proposal to increase the number of beds?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" (*a*) 295.

" (*b*) No, Sir."

SRI K. V. RAMASWAMI :—" சேலம் ஆஸ்பத்திரிக்கு ஏராளமான நோயாளிகள் சிகிச்சை செய்துகொள்வதற்காகப் போய்க்கொண்டிருப்பதால் அங்கு அவர்கள் தரையில் படுக்க வைக்கப்படுகிறார்கள். போதிய படுக்கை இல்லை என்ற காரணத்தால் நோயாளிகள் ஆஸ்பத்திரியில் சேர்த்துக் கொள்ளப்படாமல் விரட்டியடிக்கப்படுகிறார்கள். இப்படிப்பட்ட நிலைமையைப் போக்குவதற்கு அந்த ஆஸ்பத்திரியில் படுக்கைகளின் எண்ணிக்கையை அதிகரிக்க சர்க்கார் தக்க நடவடிக்கை எடுக்குமா ? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" It is so not only in this hospital. In most of the hospitals, the number of patients is far in excess of the bed-strength. We have to admit them because there is so much pressure and demand for admission."

SRI K. P. GOPALAN :—" May I ask the Hon. the Minister for Health, if there is financial difficulty for the Government in constructing temporary sheds in order to take in more patients in the various hospitals in the State? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" It is not merely a matter of putting up temporary sheds. We have to employ additional staff, stock more medicine and provide equipment."

Issue of Legislature Secretariat Service Rules.

* 945 *Q.*—SRI K. ARANGANATHAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have any proposal to issue a separate set of service rules called Legislature Secretariat Service Rules for the Gazetted and Non-Gazetted staff of the Madras Legislature Secretariat;

(*b*) if so, how long the proposal has been under the consideration of the Government;

(*c*) the reasons for the issue of a separate set of rules from the existing rules; and

(*d*) when the rules will be issued?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" (*a*) Yes, Sir.

" (*b*) The proposal has been under consideration from February 1951.

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"(c) Article 187 (3) of the Constitution contemplates the issue of a separate consolidated set of rules for the entire secretarial staff of the Legislature, both gazetted and non-gazetted.

"(d) It is expected to issue the rules at an early date."

Difference in the scales of pay of officers of the Legislature Secretariat and corresponding officers in the Secretariat

* 946 Q.—SRI K. ARANGANATHAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(a) why the scales of pay of the Assistant Secretary and Deputy Secretary in the Madras Legislature Secretariat are different from those of corresponding officers in the Secretariat departments;

(b) whether there is any proposal to bring these scales of pay to the level of those obtaining for similar posts in the Secretariat departments; and

(c) if not, why?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" (a) The scales of pay of the Assistant Secretary and the Deputy Secretary to the State Legislature are different from those of corresponding officers in the Secretariat Departments, because the nature of the duties of these posts varies from each other.

"(b) No, Sir.

"(c) For the reasons given in clause (a) above."

SRI S. RAMALINGAM :—" சட்டசபைக் காரியாலய காரியதரிசிகள் சில சமயம் காலை எட்டு மணிக்கும், சில சமயம் இரவு பத்து மணிக்கும் வேலைக்கு வரவேண்டியிருக்கிறது. இப்படி வேலை நேரங்கள் அடிக்கடி மாறுவதனால், அவர்களுக்கு அதிகமான வேலையும், தொந்தரவும் ஏற்படுகிறது. ஆகையால், அதை உத்தேசித்து அவர்களுக்கு அதிகப்படியான சம்பளம் கொடுக்கப்படாவிட்டாலும்கூட, இதர இலாகாக்களில் வேலை செய்யும் உதவிக் காரியதரிசிகள், டிபுடி காரியதரிசிகள் இவர்களுக்கு கொடுக்கப்படும் அளவுக்காவது இவர்களுடைய சம்பளத்தையும் நிர்ணயிக்க சர்க்கார் யோசிப்பார்களா ? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" It is true the officers are a little bit inconvenienced when hon. Members of the Legislature are meeting here in session. But we meet only for three or four months in a year. The rest is off period." 8–30 a.m.

SRI S. RAMALINGAM:—" சட்டசபை கூடும் காலத்தில் அவர்களுக்கு பிரத்தியேக 'அலவன்ஸ்' கொடுக்க மந்திரி அவர்கள் யோசிப்பார்களா ? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" The hon. Member will agree to the cut later on when the legislature is not in session."

SRI V. BALAKRISHNAN :—" Are the qualifications for the appointment the same as in other departments? "

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THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" Qualifications will vary according to the officers concerned, for example, for the Assistant Secretary and the Deputy Secretary. A separate set of rules for the Legislature Secretariat is being framed."

MR. SPEAKER :—" As it affects my department I want to interfere with the permission of the House. Does the Hon. Minister mean that officers of the Legislature Secretariat are keeping quiet during the recess? "

SRI M. KALYANASUNDRAM :—" கனம் சபாநாயகர் அவர்கள் கேட்ட கேள்வியைத்தான் நான் கேட்பதாக இருந்தேன்."

MR. SPEAKER :—" தாராளமாகக் கேளுங்கள்."

SRI K. VINAYAKAM :—" I rise on a point of order. Can a member take the clue from the Chair and take part . . ."

MR. SPEAKER :—" Usually the Speaker will not take part in any of the questions. This particular question affects a department of which I am the head. In view of that, even though it is not the practice for the Chair to take part in questions, I put the question."

SRI K. V. RAMASWAMI :—" கேள்வி நேரத்திலாவது சபாநாயகர் கேள்விகள் கேட்கலாம் என்ற முறையில் சட்டசபை விதிகளைத் திருத்த முன்வருவீர்களா ? "

MR. SPEAKER :—" சபாநாயகர் கேள்விகள் கேட்கக்கூடாது. இந்தக் கேள்வியானது என்னுடைய இலாக்கா சம்பந்தப்பட்டதினால் நான் கேட்கிறேன் என்று சொன்னேன்."

SRI M. KALYANASUNDRAM :—" துரதிருஷ்டவசமாக சர்க்கார் கட்சித்தலைவர், அவருடைய காரியாலயத்தில் இருக்கக்கூடிய அதிகாரிகளுக்கும், சட்டசபை காரியாலயத்தில் இருக்கும் அதிகாரிகளுக்கும் ஒரு கலகத்தை மூட்டப்பார்க்கிறார்கள் ? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" அதற்கு நீங்கள் தூபம் போடுகிறீர்கள்."

SRI M. KALYANASUNDRAM :—" சர்க்கார் கட்சித் தலைவர் ஏன் அதற்குச் சந்தர்ப்பம் கொடுக்கவேண்டும் என்று நான் கேட்கிறேன்."

" சட்டசபைக் காரியதரிசிகளுக்கு சட்டசபை கூடும் சமயத்தில் வேலை இருக்கிறது, மற்ற சமயத்தில் வேலை இல்லை என்று சொல்வது நேரடியாக விஷயம் தெரிந்தவர்களுக்கு உண்மை அல்ல என்று தெரியும். சர்க்கார் கட்சித் தலைவருக்கும் அது தெரியும். அவருக்குத் தெரிந்திருந்தாலும், அவர் நிதி மந்திரியாய் இருக்கக்கூடிய காரணத்தினால், இதை ஒப்புக்கொண்டால் பணச்செலவு அதிகமாக ஏற்பட்டுவிடுமே என்பதற்காக—பாவம்—அவர் சிப்பந்திகளின் தலைமேல் பழியைச் சுமத்தி ' சட்டசபை கூடாத காலத்தில் சம்பளத்தைக் குறைத்துக்கொள்ளுவார்களா ? ' என்று கேட்கிறார். சட்டசபை நடக்காதகாலத்தில் அங்கத்தினர்கள் நிறைய கேள்விகளை அனுப்புகிறார்கள். அவைகளுக்கெல்லாம் பதில்கள் பெறவேண்டியதற்காக, அந்தந்த இலாகாக்களுக்கு கேள்விகளை அனுப்பி பதில் பெறவேண்டியிருக்கிறது. மேலும், நாங்கள் கொடுக்கக்கூடிய கேள்விகளில் தவறுகள் இருந்தால், அவ்வப்போது அவைகளைத் திருத்துவதற்கு அவர்களுக்குப் போதிய சந்தர்ப்பம் இருப்பதில்லை. அப்படி அவைகளைத் திருத்தி அனுப்பவேண்டியிருக்கிறது. சட்டசபை கூடாத காலத்திலும் கேள்விகள், மசோதாக்கள் விஷயமாக அவர்களுக்கு ஏராளமான வேலைகள்

இருக்கின்றன. சட்டசபை கூடாத காலத்திலும் அவர்கள் அதிகமாக வேலை செய்யவேண்டும் என்பதுதான் என்னுடைய அபிப்பிராயம். ஆகவே, மற்ற சர்க்கார் காரியதரிசிகளைப்போலவே அவர்களுக்கும் அதே விகிதத்தில் சம்பளம் கொடுக்கவேண்டும் என்ற யோசனையை கனம் மந்திரி அவர்கள் ஆலோசிப்பார்களா ? ''

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" I am glad the Hon. Deputy Leader of the Opposition is taking so much interest in the officers of the Legislature Secretariat, who are present here. I did not say that they were not doing any work during the off period. I only said that comparatively speaking, they were doing only lighter work during the recess. Of course, during the session they have to discharge very difficult tasks. This is what I mentioned. We have made a comparative analysis of the work that is done in the regular Secretariat and the Secretariat of the Legislature. After making that comparison, we thought that there should be a difference. Now the entire matter is under consideration of Government. Separate rules are being framed for the staff of the Legislature Secretariat in consultation with you, Mr. Speaker and also the Chairman of the Legislative Council, who are the heads of the Assembly and the Council. I think that there would not be any possible grievance when the separate rules are framed. I hope that many of the anomalies would be removed then. But let us not bring in competition between the regular Secretariat and the Legislature Secretariat. Let us examine each on its own merits. Let us examine on its merits the suitable pay scales for the officers concerned."

SRI M. KALYANASUNDRAM :—" இதில் போட்டிப் பிரச்னை எதுவும் இல்லை. எதிர்க் கட்சியினருக்கும் இதில் அக்கரை உண்டு. தூபம் போடுவதற்காகவோ பிரசாரத்திற்காகவோ நான் பேசவில்லை. நான் அப்படிப் பேசுவதாக மந்திரி அவர்கள் வேண்டுமானால் நினைத்துக்கொள்ளலாம், அல்லது பிரசாரத்திற்காகப் பேசலாம். சர்க்கார் கட்சித் தலைவருக்கும், மந்திரிகளுக்கும் உதவி செய்வதற்கு ஒவ்வொரு இலாகாவில் மூன்று அல்லது நான்கு காரியதரிசிகள் இருக்கிறார்கள். ஆனால் எதிர்க் கட்சியில் இருக்கக்கூடியவர்கள் கேள்விகள் பற்றியும், மற்ற விஷயங்களைப் பற்றியும் தெரிந்துகொள்வதற்கு சபாநாயகருடைய காரியாலயம் ஒன்றுதான் இருக்கிறது. சபாநாயகர் காரியாலயத்திலிருக்கும் காரியதரிசிகள் எதிர்க் கட்சி அங்கத்தினர்களுக்கு எல்லா உதவியும் செய்யவேண்டும் என்று கோருவதற்கும் எங்களுக்கு உரிமை உண்டு. ஆகையால் சிப்பந்திகளை demoralise பண்ணக்கூடிய அளவுக்கு மந்திரி அவர்கள் ஏதாவது பேசுவார்களானால் அதை எதிர்த்து நாங்கள் சுட்டிக்காட்டத்தான் வேண்டியிருக்கிறது. எதிர்க் கட்சியினருக்கு எல்லா வசதிகளும் செய்து கொடுக்கும்படியான முறையில் வேலை முறைகளை மாற்றியமைப்பதற்கு சர்க்கார் கட்சித் தலைவர் ஆலோசிப்பார்களா என்று கேட்கிறேன். ''

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" I am glad the leader of the Communist Party has taken up the cause of the scales of the Assistant Secretaries and Deputy Secretary of the Legislature who are in the higher cadre. I will examine the position when the decision is taken by Government."

SRI B. K. NALLASWAMI :—" On a point of order, Sir, இந்த சட்ட சபைக் காரியாலயமானது இங்குள்ள எல்லா அங்கத்தினர்களுக்கும்

பொதுவானது. அப்படியிருக்கும்போது எதிர்க் கட்சி உப தலைவர் தங்களுக்குத்தான் அதிகமாகச் சலுகை கொடுக்கப்படவேண்டும் என்று சொல்லுகிறார். ஆனால் சட்டசபை அலுவல்களைப் பொறுத்த வரையில் எல்லா அங்கத்தினர்களும் சமம் என்று சட்ட சபை விதிகள் சொல்லுகின்றன. எதிர்க் கட்சி உப தலைவர் சொல்வது விதிக்கு முரண்பாடாக இருக்கிறது. இதைக் கனம் சபாநாயகர் அவர்கள் அனுமதிக்கிறாரா என்று கேட்கிறேன்."

MR. SPEAKER :—" இங்கு எல்லோரும் சமம்தான்."

Dispute between the workers and the management of the Malabar Spinning and Weaving Mills, Tiruvannoor, Kozhikode.

* 947 *Q.*—SRI K. P. GOPALAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that the Labour Officer, Malabar, has recommended to the Government to refer the dispute between the workers and the management of the Malabar Spinning and Weaving Mills, Tiruvannoor, Kozhikode, regarding the bonus due from 1948 for adjudication; and

(*b*) if so, the action taken by the Government thereon?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" (*a*) Yes, Sir.

" (*b*) The Government examined the representation and considered that the request for the grant of bonus for 1948–50 was belated and that the management did not earn sufficient profits during 1951–52 to declare a bonus to the workers. So the dispute was not referred to adjudication, and the Cotton Mill Workers' Union, Kallai, was informed accordingly."

SRI K. P. GOPALAN :—" May I ask the Hon. Minister for Labour to have the accounts of the company inspected to verify whether there had been profit or not and find out whether the workers' point of view or the management's point of view is correct? If the accounts reveal that there has been profit, will the Hon. Minister for Labour refer the matter to the Adjudication Court and await its judgment?"

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" The Labour Department do not invariably inspect the profit and loss accounts of companies. But when the Labour Department itself is satisfied that there was no profit for a company during a particular year, they report it to Government and Government agree with the Labour Commissioner that such matters should not be referred to adjudication. I do not think this matter should be reopened again."

Issue of liquor permits in South Arcot.

* 948 *Q.*—SRI M. JAGANNATHAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Religious Endowments and Transport be pleased to state the total number of liquor permits issued for the years 1951–52 and 1952–53 in the South Arcot district?

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THE HON. SRI B. PARAMESWARAN :—" The total number of liquor permits issued in the South Arcot district was 29 in 1951–52 and 18 in 1952–53."

SRI M. JAGANNATHAN :—" May I know how many of the liquor permit holders are officials?"

THE HON. SRI B. PARAMESWARAN :—" The figures are not readily available, Sir."

SRI K. VINAYAKAM :—" What are the reasons that the Government can adduce for the reduction in the figures for liquor permits during the year 1952–53 when compared to the previous year 1951–52?"

THE HON. SRI B. PARAMESWARAN :—" The hon. Member himself can infer the reasons."

SRI K. VINAYAKAM :—" I rise on a point of order, Sir. I 8-40
ask for information and I am entitled to get the information and a.m.
the Minister is bound to give the information. How can the Minister throw the burden on me and say that I can infer the reason?"

MR. SPEAKER :—" What has the Speaker to do with the method of answering questions? He cannot ask the Minister to answer in such and such a manner. Anyway, how is the point a point of order?"

SRI K. VINAYAKAM :—" The point of order is this. Is the Minister entitled to evade answering a pertinent question?"

MR. SPEAKER :—" If the hon. Member thinks that the Minister is evading the question, he has a weapon in his own hands."

SRI S. DEIVASIGAMANY :—" I can understand the Hon. Minister saying that he has no information or refusing to answer by keeping quiet. But can he answer by putting another question?"

MR. SPEAKER :—" Whatever that may be, the Speaker cannot compel a Minister to answer in such and such a way. If the Members are not satisfied with an answer, they have got a weapon in their own hands."

Expenditure on purchase of slates and books by the Panchayat Board, Kankole, North Malabar.

* 949 *Q.*—SRI K. P. GOPALAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have received any request from the Panchayat Board, Kankole, North Malabar, for approving the expenditure on purchase of slates and books for the poor students studying in the Elementary Schools in the panchayat area; and

(*b*) whether the Government have sanctioned it, and if not, the reasons therefor?

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THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" (a) Yes, Sir.

" (b) The Government have not approved the expenditure. The purchase and distribution of books and slates to poor pupils is not a function of the Panchayat under the Madras Village Panchayats Act, 1950. Moreover, the Panchayat is not maintaining any Elementary or Higher Elementary Schools."

SRI K. P. GOPALAN :—" A panchayat board is intended to help the people in whatever way it could. It is the function of a panchayat board to help the people in the locality, even though the provision of such help is not provided for in the rules. If the Government are convinced that what the panchayat board has done is a right thing, will they be pleased to amend the Village Panchayats Act so as to permit the giving of such help? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" Amendment of the Village Panchayats Act is quite a different thing. As it is, panchayat boards have to function within the provisions of that Act."

SRI T. C. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR :—" In Kankole, the percentage of literacy is very low. A majority of the children do not attend school for want of books, slates, etc., and the parents are not in a position to supply them with books, etc., for want of money. Is it not the duty of the Panchayat Board to see that the children are made to go to school by supplying them books, etc.? As the Panchayat Board has done a great and glorious thing, will the Government see their way to comply with the request? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" Every body is expected to discharge its own functions. When it goes outside those functions, we have to take it to task. It may be a glorious or inglorious thing, but that is not the criterion."

SRI S. RAMALINGAM :—" புஸ்தகம் ஸ்லேட்டுகளை பஞ்சாயத்து போர்ட் இலவசமாக வழங்கவேண்டுமென்று சர்க்காரைக் கேட்டதற்கு அந்தத் திட்டத்திற்கு சட்டத்தில் இடம் இல்லை என்று சர்க்கார் கூறி இருக்கிறார்கள். இனியாவது அவ்வாறு ஏழை மக்களுக்கு வாங்கி இலவசமாகக் கொடுப்பதற்கு சர்க்கார் யோசிப்பார்களா ? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" A request may be made and it could be considered."

* 950 Q.—SRI T. C. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR (on behalf of Sri V. R. Krishna Ayyar) : Will the Hon. the Minister for Local Administration be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Government have received any request from the Panchayat Board, Kankole (North Malabar), for approving an expenditure of Rs. 100 in the shape of books and slates to poor pupils in the elementary schools within the panchayat limits; and

(b) if so, whether the Government have accorded the sanction and if not, the reasons therefor?

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THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" (a) & (b) The attention of the hon. Member is invited to the answer given to question No. 949."

Land assigned to Nandanar Kalvi Kazhagam, Chidambaram.

* 951 Q.—SRI K. ARANGANATHAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Revenue be pleased to state what happened to the 51·6 acres of land assigned to Nandanar Kalvi Kazhagam, Chidambaram, after the Government took over the management of all the educational institutions, which had been previously managed by the Kazhagam?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" The land was resumed and again placed at the disposal of the Manager of the Nandanar Kalvi Kazhagam for the maintenance of the music class, religious class and temple of the Kazhagam."

SRI K. ARANGANATHAN :—" May I know whether the Government are asking the management of the Nandanar Kalvi Kazhagam to show accounts in respect of the income and expenditure? "

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" The hon. Member has jumped into a different subject. I want notice."

Financial aid by the Indian Sugarcane Committee to the Sugarcane Research Station at Gudiyattam.

* 952 Q.—SRI M. JAGANNATHAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Indian Central Sugarcane Committee gives any financial aid to the Sugarcane Research Station at Gudiyattam; and

(b) if so, the amount given for 1952–53?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" (a) The answer is in the affirmative.

" (b) Rs. 5,515."

SRI M. JAGANNATHAN :—" May I know what worthy contribution this research station has made to the increased production of sugarcane and for improving the quality? "

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" I would like to have notice."

Educational and medical concessions to the children of retired N.G.Os.

* 953 Q.—SRI K. R. VISWANATHAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state whether the retired Non-gazetted Officers are eligible for Educational and Medical concessions to their children?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" No, Sir."

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Government Hospital, Cannanore.

* 954 Q.—SRI T. C. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR: Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Government have received any report from the authorities of the Government Hospital, Cannanore, to increase the bed-strength there and what steps have been taken by the Government in the matter;

(b) the bed-strength of the new shed attached to the Government Hospital, Cannanore;

(c) the amount spent for thatching the shed last year;

(d) whether the Government have any proposal to extend the supply of electricity to the Nurses' quarters attached to the hospital; and

(e) if not, why?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY:—" (a) Yes, Sir. The proposals had however to be deferred on account of financial stringency.

" (b) 32, Sir.

" (c) Rs. 488, Sir.

" (d) & (e) The proposal when received, will be considered on merits."

SRI T. C. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR:—" As the nurses have to go to and return from the hospital during night-time also, will the Hon. Minister expedite the extension of electricity to the nurses' quarters?"

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY:—" I appreciate the hon. Member's interest in providing amenities for nurses. There was a proposal for extending electricity, but it was deferred on account of the need for economy in expenditure."

SRI K. P. GOPALAN:—" Regarding the increase of bed-strength in the Cannanore Hospital, the Hon. Minister has said so many times that he will consider the matter. May I know how long it will take to complete the consideration?"

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY:—" The same question is put within short intervals and so the same answer has to be given."

Auctioning of the fisheries right in the Nellipallam Eri, Venmankondan village, Udayarpalayam taluk.

* 955 Q.—SRI K. R. VISWANATHAN: Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(a) whether the fisheries right in Nellipallam Eri in Venmankondan village, Udayarpalayam taluk, was auctioned in the year 1952;

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(b) if so, whether the auction was confirmed by the Government; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" (a) Yes.

" (b) No.

" (c) The sale was not confirmed as some of the ryots objected to the lease of the fisheries claiming full enjoyment over the tank. The question of right over the tank is being examined by the Board of Revenue in consultation with the Government Pleader, Madras."

SRI K. R. VISWANATHAN :—" May I know how long it will take to complete the examination of the right of these people over the tank? "

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" As soon as the opinion of the Government Pleader is received, we will take a decision."

SRI S. DEIVASIGAMANY :—" May I know whether the Government have issued any direction that the lease of tanks for fishing purposes should be given exclusively to fishermen co-operative societies? "

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" I would like to have notice."

Present debt position of Madras State.

* 956 Q.—

MR. SPEAKER :—" As the hon. Member who has given notice of the question is not present, the answer will be printed in the proceedings."

SRI N. GOPALA MENON : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state the present debt position of the Madras State regarding—

(i) open market loans,

(ii) loans from the Central Government, and

(iii) the approximate amount payable as interest on the loans per year?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" The outstanding debt of the Composite State of Madras as on 30th September 1953 has not yet been allocated between the Governments of Andhra, Madras and Mysore, in accordance with the provisions in the Andhra State Act, 1953. Based on a rough allocation with reference to the population ratio, the share of Madras in the outstanding debt of the Composite State on 30th September 1953 is expected to be about Rs. 57½ crores.

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Including the loans from the Government of India obtained in the second half of 1953–54, the outstanding debt will be about Rs. 59½ crores as shown below :—

	RS. (CRORES).
(i) Open Market Loans	23
(ii) Loans from the Central Government ...	36½
Total ..	59½

The amount of interest payable is about Rs. 2 crores per annum."

Supply of electricity to Karambakkudy area in Pudukkottai.

* 957 *Q.*—SRI V. BALAKRISHNAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have received representations from the public of Karambakkudy in Pudukkottai division of Tiruchirappalli district for the supply of electricity to that area; and

(*b*) if so, the action taken thereon?

THE HON. RAJA SRI SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI :—" (*a*) Representations were received in 1951 from the Village Progressive Association, Karambakkudy.

" (*b*) The scheme was investigated by the licensee, South Madras Electric Supply Corporation, Limited, who reported that the estimated cost of the scheme worked out to Rs. 2,10,200 with a gross revenue of 7 per cent on the capital expenditure as against 15 per cent generally required. The interested parties were requested to contact the licensee for further action in the matter as the licensee had promised to do the needful. It has been reported that the parties have not so far contacted the licensee."

Damages to paddy crop due to pest in Kancheepuram taluk.

* 958 *Q.*—SRI V. K. RAMASWAMI MUDALIAR : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether in the Kancheepuram taluk there has been devastation of paddy crops on a large scale due to pest;

(*b*) whether any report on this has been received from the Collector of Chingleput; and

(*c*) if so, whether the Government will be pleased to place a copy of it on the table of the House?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" (*a*) Early in November 1953, it was brought to the notice of the Government that paddy crops were affected by pests in the Kancheepuram taluk and also in Madurantakam and Chingleput taluks of the Chingleput district."

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" (b) Yes, a report from the Collector was received.

" (c) Relevant extracts from the report [a] are placed on the table of the House."

SRI V. K. RAMASWAMI MUDALIAR :—" Does the Hon. Minister think that the steps taken by the Department were quite adequate and in time?"

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" I do think so."

Appointment of Second-class Magistrates.

* 959 *Q.*—SRI V. GOPALA GOUNDER : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(a) how many names were selected and submitted by the High Court to the Government for appointment as Second-class Magistrates;

(b) how many of them are—

(1) from the High Court (Ministerial Service),

(2) from Assistant Public Prosecutors in the mufassal,

(3) from the Bar, and

(4) from the Ministerial Judicial Service in the mufassal;

(c) whether any exemption was applied for by the High Court for any of the candidates selected by it for appointment and if so, what action was taken by the Government; and

(d) how many candidates applied for selection as Second-class Magistrates from service (both from the High Court and the mufassal) and how many were interviewed?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" (a) 64 (23 by the High Court and 41 by the Madras Public Service Commission).

" (b) (1) 5

(2) 8

(3) 41

(4) 1

The remaining 9 candidates were selected by the High Court from the Madras Revenue Subordinate Service (4), upper division clerks in the Madras Ministerial Service (3) and the Secretariat Service (2).

" (c) The High Court applied for exemption in favour of 8 candidates. The Government relaxed rules in favour of 7.

" (d) 90 candidates applied (18 from the High Court and 72 from other Departments of Government). 45 candidates were interviewed (5 from the High Court and 40 from other Departments)."

[a] Printed as Appendix I on page 460 infra.

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Sri V. GOPALA GOUNDER :—" The Hon. Minister said that exemption was given in favour of certain candidates selected by the High Court. May I know the reason for granting exemption in view of the fact that there were a number of candidates available? "

The Hon. Sri C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" In certain cases the candidates were over-aged by a few months or a few years. In those cases, we relaxed the rules."

Selection of candidates for appointment as Sub-Magistrates.

* 960 Q.—Sri K. ARANGANATHAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(a) whether there was any interview of candidates for appointment as Sub-Magistrates during the month of March 1954;

(b) if so, how many came for interview from the High Court staff and how many from departments other than the High Court;

(c) the number of vacancies and the number filled up;

(d) whether any appointments were made relaxing the rules; and

(e) if so, how many and the reasons therefor?

The Hon. Sri C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" (a) to (e) The hon. Member is referred to the answer to the Legislative Assembly question No. (959) tabled by Sri V. Gopala Gounder."

8.50 a.m. Sri V. R. NAGARAJAN :—" Of the candidates selected, how many belong to the Backward Classes and how many are Harijans? "

The Hon. Sri C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" A separate question may be put."

Sri S. DEIVASIGAMANY :—" May I get an assurance from the Government, Sir, that at least in future independence of selection will be given to the Public Service Commission and that no exemption will be given, whether it be a recommendation from the High Court or any other official? "

The Hon. Sri C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" It is only in very deserving cases on the recommendation of the High Court and also the Public Service Commission, Government grant the relaxation."

Sri KUNHI MUHAMED SHAFEE :—" Sir, may I know the qualification, age and services of those for whom the extension was requested by the High Court and was granted by the Government and also, may I know whether any candidate had been given exemption because he was under-aged? "

The Hon. Sri C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" A separate question may be put."

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SRI S. DEIVASIGAMANY :—" In most cases, the exceptional cases are cases of only favourites which gives room to partiality. I hope, Sir, the Government will see that such a thing does not happen in future."

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" I thought we should respect the wishes and the recommendations of the High Court because they are the Judges and they are supposed to act in a very judicial manner."

Implementation of the award of the Labour Appellate Tribunal by the Gordon Press, Madras.

* 961 *Q.*—SRI K. P. GOPALAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state why the Government did not take steps to get the award given by the Labour Appellate Tribunal on 22nd May 1953 and published in the *Fort St. George Gazette* on June 24, 1953, implemented by the Gordon Press, Madras-2, regarding the payment of compensation to a retrenched worker?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" The worker died and the question of payment to his heirs is under consideration."

SRI K. P. GOPALAN :—" Sir, according to the Labour Appellate Tribunal Act, is it not mandatory on the part of the management to implement the award within one month and why has it not been implemented by this State Government after one month? Why should the Government wait till the worker dies? "

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" Sir, in September 1953 the Madras Press Labour Union requested the Government to implement the award of the Tribunal. The Commissioner of Labour reported that Natesa Mudaliar died in 1953, but that his wife was alive and that the Union wanted the compensation to be paid to the heir, the wife of the deceased, and the management agreed to pay the compensation to her. But they did not pay and so, a ' show cause notice ' was issued and they did not reply. The Commissioner of Labour has reported that he is asking the Labour Officer to obtain an application from the widow. The other question whether the Management is bound to pay compensation to the heirs and if they do not pay, whether a prosecution can be launched against the Management is under examination."

Co-operative Societies in the City.

* 962 *Q.*—SRI A. RATNAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state—

(*a*) the number of co-operative societies in the City of Madras and the various kinds of societies and their liabilities;

(b) the amount of loan granted to those societies and the interest charged in the year 1952; and

(c) the amount recovered from those societies in the year 1952?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" (a) to (c) A statement* is placed on the table of the House."

SRI A. RATNAM :—" May I know, Sir, from the Hon. Minister for Health, arising from the statement placed on the table of the House, the number of buildings constructed by the Housing and Building Societies in the City of Madras for the houseless Harijans and the amount of aid and loan granted to them? "

THE HON. SRI A. B SHETTY :—" A separate question may be asked, Sir."

State-aid to Bell-metal Society, Payyanur, North Malabar.

* 963 Q.—SRI T. C. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR (on behalf of Sri V. R. Krishna Ayyar) : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state whether the Government have received any request for State-aid from the Bell-metal Society, Payyanur (Malabar), and if so, what orders have been passed thereon?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" Yes, Sir. The request of the Society is under consideration."

Grant of subsidy to newspapers published by Harijans.

* 964 Q.—SRI K. ISHWARA : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state whether the Government are giving any subsidy to any newspaper published by Harijans in the State?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" No."

Payment of salary to the District Board Elementary School teachers, Malabar.

* 965 Q.—SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP : Will the Hon. the Minister for Local Administration be pleased to state whether the Government received any memorandum from the various branches of the Malabar District Board Elementary School Teachers' Union complaining against the irregularity in the payment of their salary every month, and if so, the action taken thereon?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" The Government have received representations asking for the payment of salaries before the 10th of succeeding month.

The Government have issued instructions to the effect that salaries of the District Board Elementary School teachers, for each month should be paid as early as possible and in any case, not later than the 15th of the succeeding month. The

* Printed as Appendix II on pages 460–462 infra.

Government have promptly sanctioned advances to the District Boards whenever it was brought to their notice that salaries could not be paid for want of funds.''

DR. K. B. MENON :—'' Are the Government aware that this is not an exception, but a general rule? Since the Government have taken the responsibility of seeing that aided school teachers are paid salaries, is there not an extra responsibility on the part of the Government to see that the District Board teachers also are paid? ''

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—'' The question is with reference to the District Board elementary schools. I have already said that whenever the District Boards applied for funds if they were short of funds for the purpose of paying salaries to their teachers, we were sanctioning funds.''

Cases of smuggling of foodgrains in South Arcot.

* 966 *Q.*—SRI K. ARANGANATHAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) the number of cases of smuggling of foodgrains that were detected during 1952–53 in South Arcot district;

(*b*) the amount of fines realised in these cases; and

(*c*) how many cases ended in acquittal?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—'' The attention of the hon. Member is invited to the statement[a] laid on the table of the House.''

Inclusion of Mathavakurichi firka, Tirunelveli, in the Firka Development Scheme.

* 967 *Q.*—SRI R. S. ARUMUGAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state whether the Government have any proposal to include the Mathavakurichi firka, Tirunelveli taluk, in the Firka Development Scheme?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—'' The selection of additional areas for introducing the National Extension Service has not yet been taken up.''

[Starred questions Nos. 968—973 answered on 17th May 1954.]

MR. SPEAKER :—'' There are short notice questions. We shall take them up afterwards.''

Issue of licences for guns.

* 974 *Q.*—SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) the conditions governing the issue of licences for guns and the procedure followed before licences are issued; and

[a] Printed as Appendix III on page 463 infra.

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(*b*) how many applications for gun licences were received from Malabar in 1952-53 and how many were granted?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" (*a*) Each application for a licence for a gun is considered on its merits with particular reference to—

(i) the applicant's reliability and his ability to keep the weapon safe from theft or misuse; and

(ii) public security.

The procedure followed is that applications for the grant of arms licence are sent through the Deputy Tahsildar or Tahsildar concerned, who after making the necessary enquiry sends a report for the orders of the Collector.

" (*b*) The number of applications for gun licences received in Malabar district was as follows :—

1952—879.

1953—1,111

294 licences were granted in 1952 and 383 licences in 1953."

SRI K. VINAYAKAM :—" Sir, are the Government aware of the fact that in most cases the licensees of guns in mofassal places should serve as police touts and false witnesses in police cases and if they do not serve police purposes, their licences are cancelled on some pretext or other and thus they are made to suffer? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" If specific instances are brought to the notice of the Government, we will take action."

SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP :—" Sir, is it not a fact that the Revenue Inspector, the Tahsildar, and even the Revenue Divisional Officer make recommendations, but still the permission is refused because some police constable reports something against the licensee? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" It is not on the report of the police constable that licences are refused. If there are special reasons within the knowledge of the Collector, he refuses the licence."

National Extension Service areas in South Arcot.

* 975 *Q.*—SRI M. JAGANNATHAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(*a*) the area selected for development under the National Extension Service in the South Arcot district; and

(*b*) the total amount allotted for the district under the scheme for the year 1953-54?

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THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" (a) (i) Panruti block consisting of Kadambuliyur and Tirunavallur firkas, (ii) Kurinjipadi block consisting of Kulianjavadi and Kurunjipadi firkas, (iii) Chinnaselam block consisting of Chinnaselam, Vadakkanandal and Kallakurichi firkas.

" (b) An expenditure of about Rs. 1,56,000 can be incurred in the three blocks during the year 1953–54."

SRI M. JAGANNATHAN :—" Sir, in view of the fact that Tindivanam taluk is one of the most backward taluks in the entire South Arcot district, will the Government consider the desirability of developing this taluk either under the Community Project scheme or under the National Extension Service? "

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" As the hon. Member put it, Tindivanam taluk is one of the most backward taluks. Government will consider taking up further areas when they take up the question of extending the National Extension Service."

Approval of the course of studies in the College of Indigenous Medicine by the University of Madras.

* 976 Q.—

MR. SPEAKER :—" The hon. Member Sri N. Gopala Menon is not in his seat. The answer to this question will be printed in the official proceedings."

SRI N. GOPALA MENON : Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state—

(a) whether any degree was conferred on the students who passed in their final examinations from the Government College of Indigenous Medicine last year; and

(b) whether the University of Madras has approved of the course of studies prescribed for the College?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" (a) & (b) As the College of Indigenous Medicine has not been affiliated to the University of Madras, there is no question of the University approving the course of studies in the College of Indigenous Medicine or conferring degrees on the students. Only diplomas are awarded to the candidates who come out successful in the final examination."

Supply of electricity to Kachinad in Ponneri taluk, Chingleput district.

* 977 Q.—SRI S. PAKKIRISWAMI PILLAI : Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(a) whether there is any proposal for the supply of electricity to Kachinad in Ponneri taluk, Chingleput district; and

(b) if so, the action so far taken by the Government in the matter?

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9 a.m. THE HON. RAJA SRI SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI :—" (a) & (b) There are three estates bearing the name of Kachinad in Ponneri taluk and none of them has so far applied for extension of electricity. There is, therefore, no proposal at present to supply electricity to any one of the Kachinad estates in Ponneri taluk. The feasibility of supply of electricity will be taken up for investigation in the strict order of its turn after an application therefor has been received by the Electricity Department."

SRI S. PAKKIRISWAMI PILLAI :—" May I know whether the Government would include the proposal to supply electricity to Kachinad at least in the Second Five-Year Plan?"

THE HON. RAJA SRI SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI :—" I have already stated that they have not applied for it. Let them apply for it before the hon. Member puts in a request here."

Checking of unauthorized betting on horse races in Madras.

* 978 Q.—SRI K. ARANGANATHAN: Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state the action taken by the Government to check unauthorized betting on horse races in the Madras City?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" The Police are taking suitable action under the Madras City Police Act."

SRI K. ARANGANATHAN :—" May I know the number of persons against whom cases have been filed?"

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" I am sorry I do not have the information, Sir."

Loan to the Karthigeyan Spinning Mills.

* 979 Q.—SRI S. RAMALINGAM: Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(a) whether it is a fact that the Directors of Karthigeyan Spinning Mills applied to the Government for a loan either from the Industrial Investment Corporation or under the State Aid to Industries Act *three years* ago; and

(b) if so, what action the Government took on their application?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" (a) Yes, Sir. The Company applied for a loan of Rs. 5 lakhs under the State Aid to Industries Act in 1950.

" (b) The company was advised to apply to the Madras Industrial Investment Corporation, Limited, Madras, for financial assistance."

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Concessions to the members of Christian Scheduled Castes.

* 980 *Q.*—SRI ANTONY PETER : Will the Hon. the Minister for Religious Endowments and Transport be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the facilities afforded to the Scheduled Castes in this State in regard to Education and Employment are extended to the members of Christian Scheduled Castes; and

(*b*) if so, to what extent and under what conditions?

THE HON. SRI B. PARAMESWARAN :—" (*a*) & (*b*) The fee concession to Scheduled Castes in Arts and Professional colleges has been extended to converts from Scheduled Castes if the conversion is either of the student or his parent or his guardian. The full fee concession in schools has not been extended but the converts are given half fee concession subject to the condition already referred to.

The concession regarding reservation of seats in Professional colleges has not been extended to converts but the converts are included in the category of Backward Classes for whom 25 per cent of the seats is reserved.

The concession regarding scholarships and boarding grants has been extended to converts. The scholarship amount covers the half fee if any payable by the converts.

In the matter of appointment to posts of teachers, tutor-*cum*-wardens, and tutor-*cum*-matrons wardens and assistant matrons in the school and hostels maintained by the Harijan Welfare Department, the converts from Scheduled Castes are shown preference next to Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes.

In regard to appointment to all other gazetted and non-gazetted posts, the persons who are themselves converts to Christianity from Scheduled Castes are treated as backward classes and shown preference as such."

SRI ANTONY PETER :—" Are not the Government aware of the fact that both the Prime Minister and the President of India have said that the order of 10th August 1950 is mainly for the purpose of giving representations in the Central and State Legislatures and as far as other State aid and facilities are concerned, there should be no religious distinction? "

THE HON. SRI B. PARAMESWARAN :—" Sir, in 1951, if I remember correct, members of the Christian community with Dr. Cherian, Mr. Dorairaj and Mr. Wilson waited in deputation on the former Chief Minister, Sri P. S. Kumarasamy Raja and we revised certain rules and regulations to conform to the directions given by the President of India. As a result of this, the converts to Christianity from the Scheduled Castes have been amply provided for."

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SRI S. DEIVASIGAMANY :—" May I know whether the Government maintain a register of Christian converts from Scheduled Castes and have they not any statistics with regard to their number? What is the time limit fixed for these Christian converts to become reconverts without any distinction of caste or creed?"

THE HON. SRI B. PARAMESWARAN :—" With regard to the latter part of the question, it is left to the individual free will of the Christians to reconvert themselves. With regard to the first part of the question, we do not have any statistics. As and when students from a particular section of the population apply to the Director of Harijan Welfare or the educational officers for concession, we collect the necessary figures and data. That is the only statistics that we could collect."

SRI S. SWAYAMPRAKASAM :—" When a person becomes Christian, he only changes his religion. So there is no change in his economic position. Inasmuch as the policy of the Government in granting these concessions is to help those belonging to a particular community whose economic position is very bad, may I know why the Government should make a distinction in this case when there is only a change in religion and not in the economic position?"

THE HON. SRI B. PARAMESWARAN :—" Practically all the concessions granted to Scheduled Castes are extended to those people also, except perhaps in one or two cases, like reservation of seats, appointments, etc. I think the hon. Member need not press this question as Christianity is a pure religion and untouchability should not be imported into it."

SRI ANTONY PETER :—" In view of the letters written by the President and Prime Minister of India expressing their opinion that there should be no religious discrimination in the matter of State aid and other facilities, will the Government come forward to accept it and grant these facilities without showing any distinction on grounds of religion?"

THE HON. SRI B. PARAMESWARAN :—" Sir, I have already said that in obedience to the wishes of the President of India, we have changed our rules and regulations. If the hon. Member puts a separate question, I think I will be able to place the entire correspondence on the table of the House."

SRI K. VINAYAKAM :—" May I know what is the *modus operandi* which the Government adopt to find out whether one belonged to the Scheduled Caste before he got himself converted to Christianity or whether he actually belonged to a forward community before conversion, but to deceive the Government says that he belonged to Scheduled Castes before conversion?"

THE HON. SRI B. PARAMESWARAN :—" On the certificates issued by the authorities, we find out whether he belonged to the backward class or forward class before conversion."

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SRI S. C. C. ANTONY PILLAI :—" May I know why there should be any difference in the concessions granted to these people? Some are granted half-fee concessions and others are granted full-fee concessions. Secondly, may I know whether this rule applies to converts from the Harijan community to any other religion also or only to Christianity? If it does not apply, why such a distinction is made?"

THE HON. SRI B. PARAMESWARAN :—" Moplahs of Malabar district are also classified under backward classes. As I said, there is only a very slight difference. I do not know why hon. Members should be harping on this point. If they come to my room, I can explain to them that there is practically no difference whatsoever in the concessions that the Government give."

Development of the Siddha System of Indian Medicine.

* 981 *Q.*—SRI K. V. RAMASWAMI (on behalf of Sri C. Kandasamy): Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state the efforts made by the Government to develop or to resuscitate the Siddha System of Indian Medicine?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" The Siddha System of medicine is receiving due consideration from Government just as the other indigenous systems are viz., Ayurveda and Unani. The Siddha System of medicine is being taught in the College of Indigenous Medicine. Treatment in the Siddha System is given to the patients in the Government Hospital of Indigenous Medicine at Madras. Text-books on Siddha System have been written and printed at Government expense. The Government permit the local bodies to run institutions in this system of medicine. They also give maintenance grants in respect of medical institutions of Indigenous Medicine (including Siddha) run by private people, wherever necessary."

Expenditure incurred on the Soviet Cultural Delegation to Madras.

* 982 *Q.*—SRI V. BALAKRISHNAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) the total amount spent in connexion with the recent visit of the Soviet Cultural Delegation to Madras; and

(*b*) whether this amount has been spent by the Government of India, or by the State Government and if by both, what part by each?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" (*a*) & (*b*) No information as to the total amount spent in connexion with the visit of Soviet Cultural Delegation to Madras between the 13th and the 20th of February 1954, is available, as they were the guests of the Government of India throughout their stay in India.

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An expenditure of Rs. 284–4–0 was, however, incurred by the Madras State as detailed below :—

(1) Rupees 40 being the cost of cool drinks, etc., provided at Mahabalipuram.

(2) Rupees 65–12–0 being the difference between the normal rate of hire charges of the Government bus, i.e., Rupees 365–12–0 and Rs. 300 the concessional rate at which the bus was given.

(3) Rupees 178–8–0 being the charges for printing tickets at Government Press which was waived as a special case.''

9-10 p.m. SRI V. BALAKRISHNAN :—'' Sir, who was the officer incharge of the arrangements here in the Madras City and is it a fact that that Officer threw an iron curtain around the delegation preventing popular access and provided access to the delegation only to his kith and kin, such as daughter, daughter-in-law, sister, sister-in-law, brother, brother-in-law and so forth? ''

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—'' I do not have any information here with me. If the hon. Member knows the name of the officer, he may give it to me.''

SRI M. KALYANASUNDRAM :—'' கனம் சபாநாயகர் அவர்களே சோவியத் யூனியன் கலா கோஷடி இந்திய சர்க்காரின் வேண்டுகோள் பேரில்தானே இங்கே விஜயம் செய்தது ? பிரதம மந்திரியின் நிதிக்காகத் தானே அவர்கள் பணம் வசூல் செய்தார்கள்? ஆகவே அவர்கள் சர்க்காருக்கு எவ்வளவு பணம் வசூல் செய்து தந்தார்கள் என்பதையாவது சொல்வார்களா ? ''

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—'' Sir, I thought that the Soviet Cultural Delegation came here for cultural contact and not for earning for any purpose. The other thing was quite incidental; that is all.''

Assistance to handloom industry.

* 983 *Q*.—SRI S. RADHAKRISHNAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the State Government received any directive from the Union Government regarding—

(i) abolition of sales tax on handloom goods;

(ii) giving assistance to handloom industry and handloom workers; and

(iii) giving any kind of rebate for the purchase of handloom cloth; and

(*b*) if so, the State Government's action in the matter?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—'' (*a*) No directives have been received from the Government of India. They requested this Government to abolish the sales tax on handloom cloth. A sum of Rs. 98,38,677 has been allotted to this State by the Central Government, out of the Mill Cloth Cess

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Fund, for developing handloom industry. The Schemes formulated by this Government to utilize the amount have been approved by them. Grants of rebate on the purchase of handloom cloth is one of these schemes.

(b) Sales of handloom cloth have been exempted from Sales Tax with effect from 1st April 1954. As regards assistance to the handloom industry the attention of the member is invited to the answer given on 23rd March 1954 to question No. 219 (starred) by Sri N. K. Palanisami, M.L.A."

Construction of a side wall on the bridge across the River Vaigai at Paramakudi.

* 984 Q.—SRI G. GOVINDAN: Will the Hon. the Minister for Local Administration be pleased to state—

(a) whether there is any proposal to construct side walls on the submergible bridge across the River Vaigai at Paramakudi for the safety of vehicular traffic; and

(b) if so, when the work is likely to be taken up for execution?

THE HON. SRI S. S. RAMASAMY PADAYACHI:—" Sir, the answer to the question is not yet ready."

SRI A. GOVINDASAMY NAYAGAR:—" On a point of order, Sir, நான் ஒரு ஒழுங்குப் பிரச்னையை எழுப்புகிறேன். கேள்விக்குப் பதில் இன்னும் வராதபோது அது எப்படி கேள்வித் தாளில் சேர்க்கப்பட்டது என்று கேட்கிறேன்."

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM:—" Sir, for all the questions which have been placed for answering to-day, the replies were ready and despatched to the Legislature Secretariat, but the Minister did not get sufficient notice and did not get the file from his office. That is the main difficulty."

Death due to cancer.

* 985 Q.—SRI K. ARANGANATHAN: Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state—

(a) the steps taken by the Government to deal with cases of Cancer; and

(b) the number of persons reported to have died on account of Cancer in this State in 1953?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY:—" (a) The Barnard Institute of Radiology, Government General Hospital, Madras, is equipped with all the modern X-ray therapy equipments and has also about 1,400 mgm. of radium for the treatment of cancer cases. In this hospital, one hundred beds are set apart for cancer patients. In the Government Hospital for Women and Children, Madras a Cancer ward of one hundred beds has been constructed. This hospital has been provided with Deep-X-ray therapy apparatus and sufficient radium for the treatment of Cancer cases. The Erskine Hospital, Madurai, has been equipped with a Deep-X-ray therapy apparatus to deal with Cancer cases.

" (b) Two hundred and eighty-two, Sir."

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SRI P. RANGASWAMI REDDIAR :—" What is the average expense for a patient and the duration of treatment?"

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" It depends on each individual case."

Printing of copies of " Bharathi's Collections ".

*986 *Q.*—SRI P. JEEVANANDAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) the number of copies of the latest " Bharathi's Collections " printed ; and

(*b*) the number of copies sold so far?

THE HON SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" (*a*) & (*b*)

	Number of copies printed.	Number of copies sold.
Bharathi Noolgal Kavithai—		
Part I—National Songs	1,000	1,000
Part II—Daiva Padalgal	1,000	789
Part III—Palvagai Padalgal ...	1,000	595
Part IV—Mupperum Padalgal ...	1,000	327 "

SRI P. JEEVANANDAM :—" தலைவர் அவர்களே, மகா கவி பாரதியாரின் பாடல்கள் ஒரு தனி மனிதரின் உடைமையாக இருக்கக்கூடாது. அது காந்திய இலக்கியம் மாதிரியாக தமிழ்நாட்டு மக்கள் எல்லோருக்கும் சொந்தமானதாக இருக்கவேண்டும். அது எல்லோருக்கும் மிகக்குறைந்த விலையில் கிடைக்கவேண்டும் என்ற காரணத்தையெல்லாம் கொண்டுதான் சர்க்காரே அதன் உடைமைகளை வாங்கினார்கள். ஆனால் இன்றைக்கு பாரதி பாடல்களின் தொகுப்புக்கள் மிக உயர்ந்த விலையில்தான் சர்க்காரால் விற்கப்படுகிறது. அதுவும் எல்லாப் புத்தகங்களும் கிடைக்கவில்லை. இதைச் சர்க்கார் கவனித்து எல்லோருக்கும் மலிவான விலையில் கிடைக்கும்படியான ஒரு ஏற்பாட்டை என் செய்யவில்லையென்று நான் கேட்கிறேன்."

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" Sir, the intention of the Government is to have a publication properly edited so that the correct version of the verses of the poet may be made available to the public. After that anybody is free to publish any of his works."

Reconstitution of the State Harijan Welfare Committee and the Backward Classes Advisory Committee.

*987 *Q.*—SRI A. RATNAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Religious Endowments and Transport be pleased to state, whether there is any proposal to reconstitute the State Harijan Welfare Committee and the Backward Classes Advisory Committee on account of the recent change in the personnel of the Ministry?

THE HON. SRI B. PARAMESWARAN :—" Sir, there is no proposal to reconstitute the Harijan Welfare Committee. However, the question of enlarging the Committee or co-opting more representatives is being examined by the Government."

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Deposit to the South Arcot Electricity Distribution Company for supply of power for irrigation.

* 988 *Q.*—SRI V. GOPALA GOUNDER : Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether ryots who apply for the supply of power for irrigation purposes are required to make heavy deposits with the South Arcot Electricity Distribution Company as a condition precedent; and

(*b*) if so, what action has been taken by the Government so far in this regard?

THE HON. RAJA SRI SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI :—" (*a*) & (*b*) The Government noticed in August 1952, that the licensee had enquired in one case whether the prospective consumers would be agreeable to furnish loan deposits, as distinct from security deposits for current charges, to meet the capital expenditure of that scheme. The licensee was informed by the Government in August 1952 that under the provisions of the Indian Electricity Act, 1910, he could not demand such loan deposits from the consumers or prospective consumers. It was, however, noticed by an Inspecting Officer of the Electricity Department in July 1953 that the licensee was accepting loans by way of deposits from prospective consumers. He was, therefore, directed by the Chief Electrical Inspector to Government to discontinue the practice forthwith and he replied in August 1953 that the practice had been discontinued."

Reversion of Sub-Magistrates in South Arcot.

* 989 *Q.*—SRI M. KATTIMUTHU : Will the Hon. the Minister for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) how many sub-magistrates and subdivisional magistrates in the South Arcot district in Revenue Department were affected and reverted to lower ranks consequent on the separation of the Judiciary from the Executive in the year 1950; and

(*b*) whether the Government have taken any steps to promote such of those officers to their original posts?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" (*a*) Twelve Sub-Magistrates (Deputy Tahsildars) were reverted to lower ranks; no Subdivisional Magistrate was reverted to the lower rank.

" (*b*) Three of the reverted Sub-Magistrates (Deputy Tahsildars) have since been allotted to the Commercial Taxes Department and another has been appointed to the post of Deputy Tahsildar, Vanur, which has been revived temporarily up to 30th September 1954."

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Enquiry into the police firing at Naduvattam.

* 990 *Q.*—

MR. SPEAKER :—" The hon. Member Sri Gopala Menon is not in his place. The answer to the question will be printed in the proceedings."

SRI N. GOPALA MENON : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have received a copy of a resolution passed by the Malayala Pradesh Congress Committee requesting the Government to include non-officials in the committee to enquire into the police firing at Naduvattam; and

(*b*) whether the Government are associating with Sri W. R. S. Satthianathan, any non-official member to enquire into the circumstances which led to the opening of fire by the Malabar Special Police?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" (*a*) Yes, Sir.

" (*b*) No, Sir. Mr. Satthianathan has already finished his enquiry and sent his report."

Housing accommodation to the workers of the East India Distilleries and Sugar Factory, Limited, Nellikuppom.

* 991 *Q.*—SRI A. RATNAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether any representation was received by the Government from the workers of East India Distilleries and Sugar Factory, Limited, Nellikuppam, South Arcot district, requesting housing accommodation for the industrial workers of the sugar factory;

(*b*) if so, the action taken by the Government thereon; and

(*c*) whether it is a fact that the Commissioner of Labour replied to the Workers' Union that housing accommodation will be provided in case the Government of India are prepared to aid the industrial institution?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" (*a*) In 1953, the East India Distilleries and Sugar Factories, Limited, Employees Co-operative House Building Society, Nellikuppam, applied for assistance under the subsidized Industrial Housing Scheme of the Government of India.

" (*b*) According to the revised Industrial Housing Scheme, 25 per cent of the cost of construction has to be contributed by the workers. As the workers were not in a position to meet this cost themselves, the chief promoter has been informed that it is not proposed to work the Scheme.

" (*c*) No, Sir."

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Repairs to the Uruvachal-Kakkengad road in Kottayam taluk.

* 992 Q.—Sri K. MADHAVAN NAMBIAR: Will the Hon. the Minister for Local Administration be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Uruvachal-Kakkengad road in Kottayam taluk joining Tellicherry-Coorg road from the 14th mile to the Iritty-Peravur road at the 5th mile is a departmental road at present; and

(b) if so, why it is left without any repair?

The Hon. Sri S. S. RAMASAMY PADAYACHI:—"(a) The road is under the control of the Malabar District Board.

"(b) The road has been metalled in the reach between 0/0 at 3/5 and the remaining reach of the road is yet to be metalled. The District Board is expected to attend to this work in due course."

Creation of the post of 'Dean' in the Government College of Indigenous Medicine, Madras.

* 993 Q.—Sri T. C. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR: Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state—

(a) whether a new post with the designation, viz., 'Dean' has been created with regard to the Government College of Indigenous Medicine, Madras; and

(b) the name of the person appointed with details about his age, pay and qualifications?

The Hon. Sri A. B. SHETTY:—"(a) Yes, Sir.

"(b) *Name*—Dr. A. Srinivasalu Naidu.

Age—68 years old.

Pay—Such pay as together with his pension does not exceed the pay last drawn by him before retirement or the maximum of pay of the post of Dean (viz., Rs. 500—75—800), whichever is less. He is now drawing a pay of Rs. 325 and a pension of Rs. 475.

Qualification—B.A., M.D., B.S., Sc., Retired Civil Surgeon."

Sri S. DEIVASIGAMANY:—"May I know why this superannuated gentleman has been posted as Dean of this Hospital?" 9-20 a.m.

The Hon. Sri A. B. SHETTY:—"He was the only suitable person available for the post with the requisite qualifications."

Sri T. C. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR:—"Why was a retired Military Officer, an old man, posted as Dean of this Hospital over the head of the Principal? It seems that the post was mainly created for this gentleman."

The Hon. Sri A. B. SHETTY:—"This College had Principals with qualifications in Modern Medicine. This is a college where not only Indigenous Medicine but also Modern Medicine

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is taught. The idea is to have an integrated system of Modern Medicine and Indigenous Medicine. This gentleman was the Professor of Pathology and a retired Civil Surgeon. His work has been so much appreciated by the students that the Students Union at their last anniversary celebrations had his portrait unveiled. He has toned up the administration and improved very much discipline among the students."

SRI K. P. GOPALAN :—" Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state whether there are not any suitable persons in the Medical Department for appointment to this post? May I know whether it is a fact that this gentleman himself is against the Ayurvedic System of Medicine?"

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" No, Sir. If he is against this system he would not have accepted this appointment."

SRI K. VINAYAKAM :—" May I know whether there were any applicants for this post and if so whether this gentleman was selected after comparing his qualifications with those of the rest or he was selected first and then the post was created for him?"

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" No, Sir. A few names were recommended by the Honorary Director of Indigenous Medicine. They were all considered and this gentleman was finally selected."

Proceedings against the workers of the Vivasayigal Sangam, Tanjore district.

* 994 *Q.*—SRI S. RAMALINGAM (on behalf of Sri N. Sivaraj): Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) how many 'Vivasayigal Sangam' workers in Tanjore district were proceeded against under section 107 of the Criminal Procedure Code in 1953 and 1954; and

(*b*) how many were acquitted and how many bound over?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" (*a*) The number of Vivasayigal Sangam workers in Tanjore district against whom proceedings under section 107, Criminal Procedure Code, were initiated during the year 1953–54 was seven.

" (*b*) One of them was bound over. Three of them were discharged. The cases against the rest are pending."

SRI K. V. RAMASWAMI :—" சட்ட பூர்வமாக நியாயமானமுறைகளில் வேலை கேட்ட விவசாயிகள் பலர் மீது இத்தகைய வழக்குகள் தொடரப்படுகின்றன என்பது சர்க்காருக்குத் தெரியுமா?"

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" No, Sir. Only when they commit breaches of the law, cases are put up against them."

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Report on Attapadi valley by the Revenue Divisional Officer, Malappuram, in Malabar.

* 995 *Q.*—SRI K. C. GOPALAN UNNI : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether any report was submitted to the Government by Sri P. K. Nambiar, I.A.S., Revenue Divisional Officer, Malappuram, after his visit to Attappady in Malabar in January 1953; and

(*b*) if so, whether the Government will be pleased to place a copy of the report on the table of the House along with the orders passed by the Government on the recommendations, if any, contained in the report?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" (*a*) A report has been submitted by the Sub-Collector, Malappuram, to the Collector of Malabar.

" (*b*) The report is being examined by the Collector of Malabar and necessary orders will be passed by the Government on receipt of proposals from the Collector."

Members of prohibition staff convicted under the Prohibition Act.

* 996 *Q.*—SRI K. ARANGANATHAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Religious Endowments and Transport be pleased to state the number of members of the prohibition staff convicted under the Prohibition Act and dismissed during the year 1952–53?

THE HON. SRI B. PARAMESWARAN :—" Five prohibition guards were convicted under the Madras Prohibition Act during 1952–53. Three of them were dismissed, one was removed and one was discharged from service."

Venereal diseases clinics attached to the Government Hospitals in South Arcot.

* 997 *Q.*—SRI A. RATNAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state—

(*a*) how many Venereal Diseases clinics are attached to the Government Hospitals in the South Arcot district;

(*b*) how many Honorary Doctors are posted in the Venereal Diseases Clinic at the Cuddalore Headquarters Hospital; and

(*c*) how many health visitors are posted at Cuddalore?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" (*a*) & (*b*) None, Sir.

" (*c*) In the South Arcot district there is only one health visitor and she is employed by the district board."

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Appointment of District Munsifs.

* 998 Q.—

MR. SPEAKER :—" As the hon. Member is not in his place. Answer will be printed in the proceedings."

SRI A. APPU : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(a) how many appointments of temporary District Munsifs were made by the Government after selection by the Madras Public Service Commission in the year 1950;

(b) how many persons were selected for appointment as District Munsifs in the State in the year 1950 and how many of them have not been appointed so far; and

(c) whether the selected candidates have been waiting for one year and more?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" (a) Fifty-five appointments of temporary District Munsifs were made by the Government after 1950, and 24 of them have since been allotted to the Andhra State.

" (b) Eighty-three candidates were selected for appointment as District Munsifs in 1950 and all of them have been appointed.

" (c) No, Sir."

Electric charges for the installation of loud-speakers in Coimbatore district.

* 999 Q.—SRI R. KUPPUSWAMY : Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Government have issued any orders to the Superintending Engineer of Pykara Electricity System, Coimbatore, regarding the collection of electric charges from those who install loud-speakers for which electric connexions are taken only from private houses for public meetings held in rural areas of Coimbatore and other places;

(b) if so, when; and

(c) whether the Government will be pleased to place a copy of the orders on the table of the House?

THE HON. RAJA SRI SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI :—" (a) to (c) No orders were issued to the Superintending Engineer, Pykara Electricity System. Till recently, a minimum charge of Rs. 12 was being levied in accordance with the Electricity Department Tariff for the supply of power to mikes installed temporarily. The question has since been examined and orders have been issued that in cases where with the prior approval of the Electricity Department, extensions are taken for mikes alone, from neighbouring houses, no special rate need be levied for such extensions as the energy consumed on such occasions is recorded in the consumers meters and paid for."

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Repairs to Kappithan madai in Tirumeni lake, Mannargudi taluk.

* 1000 *Q*.—SRI P. VENKATESHA SHOLAGAR : Will the Hon. the Minister for Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) hoy long the Kappithan madai in the Tirumeni lake in Thirumakkottai village in Mannargudi taluk, Tanjore district, has been under disrepair ; and

(*b*) when the Government propose to repair it?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" (*a*) There is no such madai called Kappithan madai. It is presumed that the Member refers to Kalichan madai in Tirumeni lake of Thirumakkottai village, Mannargudi taluk, which is not in need of any repair now.

" (*b*) Does not arise."

MR. SPEAKER :—" We have reached 1000."

SRI P. VENKATESHA SHOLAGAR :—" அந்த மடைக்கு வருஷத்தில் ரிப்பேர் செய்வதற்கு செலவழிக்கும் பணத்தை ஒரு சறுக்கை கட்டினால் அந்தப் பிரதேசத்து விவசாயிகளுக்கு கோடை காலத்திலும் சாகுபடிக்கு தண்ணீர் கிடைக்கும். அதற்கான ஏற்பாட்டைச் சர்க்கார் துரிதமாக எடுத்துச் செய்வார்களா ? "

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" Yes, I shall look into it."

Repayment of the deposit amount to the Melavalampet Co-operative Weavers' Sales Society, Limited.

* 1001 *Q*.—SRI O. VENKATASUBBA REDDI : Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state why the deposit amount paid by the Melavalampet Co-operative Weavers' Sales Society, Limited, into the Sub-treasury at Madurantakam in connexion with the appointment of the Special Officer for the society has not yet been paid back to them though the Special Officer ceased to function from 19th November 1949?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" The amount can be refunded only after the claims of the Government and the Government servant have been fully satisfied. The particulars regarding remittances made by the society have been forwarded to the Treasury Deputy Collector for verification and for furnishing the required certificates to the Accountant-General. The refund will be made on receipt of the Accountant-General's certificate. On an examination, it was found that the delay was mainly with the Treasury Deputy Collector and the Accountant-General. The Accountant-General has been asked to issue the certificate expeditiously."

SRI V. K. RAMASWAMY MUDALIAR :—" Inasmuch as the matter is pending for a very long time, will the Government take early steps to refund the money?"

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" Yes, Sir."

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Grant of residential scholarships to the students of Harijan and Backward Class communities.

* 1002 Q.—SRI A. RATNAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Religious Endowments and Transport be pleased to state whether any new residential scholarships were sanctioned to the Harijan students and those belonging to Backward Communities studying in the high schools during the year 1952–53; if so how many and the amount sanctioned?

THE HON. SRI B. PARAMESWARAN :—" Sixty-one fresh scholarships involving Rs. 10,310–7–0 were granted to students belonging to eligible communities and converts. No scholarships were granted to backward class students."

Payment of travelling allowance to some teachers of Gopal Higher Elementary School, Kunhimangalam, North Malabar, for duty during General Elections.

* 1003 Q.—SRI K. P. GOPALAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(a) whether it is a fact that twelve teachers of Gopal Higher Elementary School, Kunhimangalam, Chirakkal taluk, North Malabar, have not yet received any allowances for their duty connected with the last General Elections; and

(b) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" (a) Yes, Sir. Until recently 12 teachers of that school had not been paid travelling allowance for polling duty performed by them in the last general elections.

" (b) The travelling allowance claims of these teachers, said to have been sent to the Returning Officer of the Tellicherry Assembly Constituency could not be traced either in his office or in the office of the Tahsildar, Chirakkal. Fresh claims were, therefore, obtained from the teachers and settled."

Supply of radio sets under the National Extension Service.

* 1004 Q.—SRI M. DHARMALINGAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(a) the number of radio sets supplied under the National Extension Service;

(b) how many of them were supplied to Harijan colonies (i) in the State, and (ii) in Tiruvallur taluk; and

(c) the amount spent for supply of radio sets?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" (a) Forty-seven.

" (b) (i) and (ii) Nil.

" (c) Rs. 15,330."

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Taking over of the "Maternity Ward" in Mayuram.

* 1005 *Q*.—SRI S. RAMALINGAM (on behalf of Sri K. R. Sambandam): Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have received any representation from the Mayuram Municipality requesting the Government to take over the management of the "Maternity Ward" at Mayuram; and

(*b*) if so, the action taken or proposed to be taken thereon?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—"(*a*) It is learnt that a representation has been received by the Director of Public Health.

"(*b*) The matter is being examined by him."

Compositors in the Government Press, Madras.

* 1006 *Q*.—SRI K. ARANGANATHAN: Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state the number of temporary non-composing compositors, hand compositors and machine operators in service in 1952–53 in the Government Press, Madras?

THE HON. RAJA SRI SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI :—"By non-composing compositors the hon. Member presumably means imposers. In 1952–53, there were 4 temporary imposers, and 45 temporary hand compositors in service in the Government Press, Madras; no temporary machine operators were in service during the same period."

Educational expenses for refugees.

* 1007 *Q*.—SRI K. ARANGANATHAN: Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state the total amount of public money spent by way of stipends, fees and loans to the refugees for education during 1952–53 in Madras State?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—"Rs. 17,395-2-0."

Cases against peasants of North Malabar for 'Punam cultivation'.

* 1008 *Q*.—SRI K. MADHAVAN NAMBIAR: Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state how many criminal cases have been filed in 1953 against the peasants of North Malabar for 'Punam cultivation' (temporary cultivation in the hills during monsoon season) in the areas coming under reserve forests?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—"There were no cases of prosecution during 1953 for encroachment and 'punam cultivation' in the area of the reserved forests of Wynaad Division in North Malabar."

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Appointment of officers for acquisition of house-sites for Harijans in Malabar.

* 1009 *Q.*—SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP: Will the Hon. the Minister for Religious Endowments and Transport be pleased to state whether the Government have appointed officers in Malabar specially to deal with acquisition of house-sites for Harijans?

THE HON. SRI B. PARAMESWARAN:—"The proposal is under consideration."

Teacher-pupil ratio in elementary schools.

* 1010 *Q.*—

MR. SPEAKER:—"Answer will be printed in the proceedings as the hon. Member is not in his place."

SRI N. GOPALA MENON: Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state whether the Government have issued any orders to the effect that the teacher-pupil ratio should be 60 pupils per teacher in elementary schools conducted by local bodies with effect from June 1954?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM:—"The attention of the hon. Minister is invited to my answer to starred question No. 934."

Provincialization of the medical institutions of local boards in Tanjore.

* 1011 *Q.*—SRI S. RAMALINGAM: Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government propose to provincialize any of the medical institutions managed by local boards in Tanjore district during the year 1954–55 under the new schemes item P. 75 (38. Medical) at page 121 of the Budget Memorandum for 1954–55; and

(*b*) if so, how many?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY:—"(*a*) No, Sir.

"(*b*) Does not arise."

Grants to the local bodies of Tanjore for road works.

* 1012 *Q.*—SRI S. RAMALINGAM: Will the Hon. the Minister for Local Administration be pleased to state the amount proposed to be allotted to the Tanjore district from the grants to local bodies for road works included in the Five-Year Plan mentioned as item 104 at page 123 of the Budget Memorandum for 1954–55?

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THE HON. SRI S. S. RAMASAMY PADAYACHI :—" Only a lump-sum grant of Rs. 10 lakhs has been provided in the budget for payment of grants to district boards for road works in the Five-Year Plan of road development. The amounts to be distributed to the various district boards out of the provision will be decided after receipt of applications called for from district boards for grants for works in progress and new works."

Conversion of shrotriyams and zamin villages into ryotwari villages and compensation paid to them in North Arcot.

* 1013 Q.—SRI D. DASARATHAN: Will the Hon. the Minister for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) the total number of shrotriyams and zamin villages converted into ryotwari villages in North Arcot district under the Zamindari Abolition Act up to the end of 1953; and

(*b*) the total amount of compensation paid for them?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" (*a*) 153 estates.

" (*b*) A sum of Rs. 12,60,284 has been deposited with the Tribunal towards advance compensation."

MR. SPEAKER :—" If it is the desire of the House that answers should be printed in the proceedings, I have no objection. But in that case, hon. Members can know the answers only after two or three months as it takes such a long time to print the proceedings."

SRI K. VINAYAKAM :—" Why not further extend the question hour? "

MR. SPEAKER :—" We have already spent an hour and a half on questions. I shall allow a few supplementaries on each question hereafter."

(Short notice question No. 1014 answered on 18th May 1954.)

Expenditure incurred on the security measures adopted during the recent visit of the Prime Minister of India.

* 1015 Q.—SRI R. KRISHNAN: Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state the total amount spent by the State Government on security arrangements when the Prime Minister, Pandit Nehru, passed through this State on his tour of Travancore-Cochin State recently for election propaganda?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" A sum of Rs. 13,617 was spent on security arrangements when the Hon. Prime Minister passed through this State recently."

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Removal of silt from the Willingdon Reservoir in Vriddhachalam taluk.

* 1016 *Q*.—SRI M. KATTIMUTHU: Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Willingdon Reservoir in Vriddhachalam taluk is filled with mud to a height of 8 feet; and

(*b*) if so, whether there is any proposal to remove it?

THE HON. RAJA SRI SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI:—" (*a*) From the contour survey made in 1949 it appeared that the Willingdon Reservoir had silted up by about 4 feet.

" (*b*) As the contour survey was for the first time conducted only during 1949, the results cannot be taken as conclusive and further surveys have to be made in future years and the results studied before the question of removal of silt from the tank is considered, as clearance of silt in the case of tanks and reservoirs is not usually undertaken as it is prohibitively costly and impracticable."

Permission to collect bus fares over and above the maximum fare already prescribed.

* 1017 *Q*.—SRI T. C. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR (on behalf of Sri V. R. Krishna Ayyar): Will the Hon. the Minister for Religious Endowments and Transport be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have received any representations from any association of bus operators in Malabar requesting permission to collect the surcharge from the travelling public; and

(*b*) if so, whether any instructions have been issued thereon to the departmental subordinates and if not, what other action if any, has been taken in the matter?

THE HON. SRI B. PARAMESWARAN:—" (*a*) Yes, Sir.

The Malabar Bus Owners' Association adressed the Government in October 1953 for issuing a direction about collection of bus fares over and above the maximum fare already prescribed by the Government.

" (*b*) In view of the decision of the High Court that the first proviso to section 3 of the Madras Motor Vehicles (Taxation of Passengers and Goods) Act, 1952, is not valid the Government have raised the maximum fares already prescribed by them under section 43 (1) (ii) of the Motor Vehicles Act by half pie per mile so as to cover the tax under the Madras Motor Vehicles (Taxation of Passengers and Goods) Act, 1952."

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Police aid to private persons.

*1018 *Q.*—Sri M. NARAYANA KURUP : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government render police aid to private persons;

(*b*) if so, under what conditions; and

(*c*) to how many private persons police aid was given in 1952–53 and the total amount realized by way of expenses?

The Hon. Sri C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" (*a*) Yes, Sir.

" (*b*) Policemen are deputed for bandobust duty during entertainments and functions like marriages and receptions to regulate traffic or to maintain order, whenever private parties ask for police aid. In all such cases, policemen on duty are sent and fees are collected at prescribed rates. The money realized is credited to Government.

" (*c*) Police aid was given to private persons in 1,410 cases during 1952–53 and an amount of Rs. 1,38,070–8–0 was realized by way of fees."

Deputation of the officers of the Co-operative department for duty in co-operative institutions.

*1019 *Q.*—Sri K. ARANGANATHAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Heath be pleased to state—

(*a*) the number of Deputy Registrars and Senior and Junior Inspectors of Co-operative Societies whose services have been lent or who have been deputed for work as Managers, Secretaries, Special Officers, etc., in the various co-operative institutions; and

(*b*) whether such officers were posted on the basis of seniority?

The Hon. Sri A. B. SHETTY :—" (*a*)

Joint Registrar, 1.

Deputy Registrars, 17.

Co-operative Sub-Registrars, 57.

Senior Inspectors, 131.

Junior Inspectors, 10.

" (*b*) No, Sir."

Sri K. ARANGANATHAN :—" The Registrar of Co-operative Societies is going on superseding all societies and he is appointing his own men to manage them. I want to know whether the Government are aware of this. If not, will the Government take the cue from what I have said? Will they take the necessary action in the matter? " 9-30 a.m.

The Hon. Sri A. B. SHETTY :—" If the hon. Member furnishes information, the matter will be examined."

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SRI S. DEIVASIGAMANY.—" The Hon. Minister in his answer to clause (b) of the question said that officers are not posted on the basis of seniority alone. May I know why they are not posted in that manner? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY.—" Their merit, their record of service—all these factors should be taken into consideration."

Revenue derived from sales-tax on gold and mill cloth.

* 1020 Q.—SRI K. P. KUTTIKRISHNAN NAIR (on behalf of Sri T. Ananta Pai): Will the Hon. the Minister for Revenue be pleased to state the estimated revenue on account of the proposed—

(i) sales tax on gold and precious stones;

(ii) imposition of surcharge on land revenue; and

(iii) additional sales-tax on mill cloth?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER.—" (i) and (iii) The estimated revenue on account of the proposed additional tax on the articles referred to is as follows. I have made a change in the Bill. So this figure is subject to necessary changes.

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(a) Precious stones and semi-precious stones ..	2·24
(b) Articles made of gold and silver	9·66
(c) Medium, fine and super-fine cloth	168·84

" (ii) The estimated revenue on account of the proposed surcharge on land revenue is Rs. 7·70 lakhs."

Construction of a calingula to Karlayakulam in Pettaikadu, Pattukkottai taluk.

* 1021 Q.—SRI V. BALAKRISHNAN: Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(a) when the pucca calingula to Karlayakulam in Pettaikadu village of Keeramangalam vattam in Pattukkottai taluk of Tanjore district was constructed;

(b) the cost of construction of the calingula; and

(c) why a new place for the calingula was chosen in preference to the original place?

THE HON. RAJA SRI SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI:—" (a) The pucca calingula to Karlayakulam was constructed in November 1953 by the Food Production Engineering staff.

" (b) The cost of its construction was Rs. 692.

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"(c) There was no calingula previously. The ryots used to cut open the bund to the required depth and drain water. A masonry wall has been constructed in place of the open cut. The original surplus course has not been altered."

Number of elementary schools opened and closed in Tanjore after the introduction of the Modified Elementary Education Scheme.

* 1022 Q.—SRI S. RAMALINGAM: Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(a) the number of elementary schools opened and closed in Tanjore district after the introduction of the New Elementary Education Scheme; and

(b) the reasons for the closure?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM:—"(a) 39 schools were opened and 10 schools were closed in the Tanjore district after the date of introduction of the Modified Scheme.

"(b) 5 (five) schools were amalgamated with other schools in the locality.

2 (two) schools were closed as they were uneconomical;

1 (one) school was closed for want of suitable and accessible school building;

1 (one) school. The manager of the school was absconding. Recognition and aid have been withdrawn as he did not turn up for a long time;

1 (one) school. Conditions for recognition and aid were not satisfied and the teacher-manager closed the school.

The closures had nothing to do with the Modified Scheme."

SRI K. VINAYAKAM:—"What are the reasons that necessitated the uneconomic schools to be closed?"

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM:—"The manager found them uneconomical and they closed the schools. Government are not responsible for it."

Payment of house-rent allowance to road maistris.

* 1023 Q.—

MR. SPEAKER:—"The hon. Member is not in his place. Answers will be printed in the proceedings."

SRI D. KRISHNAMURTHY GOUNDER: Will the Hon. the Minister for Local Administration be pleased to state—

(a) whether house-rent allowance is paid to road maistris residing in major panchayats and municipal areas and if not, why;

(b) whether they are eligible for the educational concessions allowed to the children of the Non-Gazetted officers;

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(c) the action taken on the request of the maistris for payment of gratuity;

(d) whether there is any Government Order that the maistris should own cycles, and if so, whether any cycle allowance is paid to them;

(e) with reference to answer to question No. 240 given on 24th December 1953 whether the Government have since passed orders on the representation from the road maistris under Highways and district boards; and

(f) if so, the action taken thereon?

THE HON. SRI S. S. RAMASAMY PADAYACHI :—" (a) House-rent allowance is admissible to Public Works maistris in municipalities where the allowance is granted to the other members of the staff. Maistris employed by panchayats will be eligible for house-rent allowance if the panchayat is a taluk headquarters station and the maistris belong to the regular establishment.

" (b) Yes, Sir.

" (c) No such request has been received by the Government.

" (d) No, Sir. If application for the grant of cycle allowance is submitted to Government, it will be examined on its merits.

" (e) No, Sir.

" (f) The matter is still under consideration."

Thirumandhamkunnu temple in Walluvanad taluk.

* 1024 Q.—

MR. SPEAKER :—" The hon. Member is not in his place. Answers will be printed in the proceedings."

SRI A. APPU : Will the Hon. the Minister for Religious Endowments and Transport be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Government or the Commissioner for Hindu Religious and Charitable Endowments has received any complaint from the worshippers in Thirumandhamkunnu temple in Walluvanad taluk, Malabar, that the various items of pujas are not properly conducted;

(b) if so, the action taken thereon;

(c) the annual income from the properties and from the offerings of worshippers of this temple;

(d) the annual expenditure on the staff employed in the temple; and

(e) the monthly salary of the manager of the temple?

THE HON. SRI B. PARAMESWARAN :—" (a) A petition has been received by the Deputy Commissioner, Hindu Religious and Charitable Endowments (Administration) Department, Coimbatore;

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" (*b*) The Deputy Commissioner is taking appropriate action in the matter.

" (*c*) The income for fasli 1362 from the properties was Rs. 30,993–4–1 and 4,953 paras of paddy. Income from the offerings for the same fasli was Rs. 4,860–12–5.

" (*d*) Rs. 7,713–6–9 and 3,367 paras of paddy during fasli 1362.

" (*e*) The monthly salary of the Executive Officer of the temple is Rs. 200 in the scale of Rs. 200—15—300 plus a dearness allowance of Rs. 43 per mensem."

Extension of electric supply in Tanjore district.

* 1025 *Q.*—SRI S. RAMALINGAM (on behalf of Sri K. R. Sambandam): Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state the amount spent on the extension of electric supply in the Tanjore district during 1952–53 by the Government?

THE HON. RAJA SRI SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI :—" The Government Electricity Department is not supplying electricity to any part of the Tanjore district directly. The whole of the district is being served by electric licensees. The question of the Government spending any amount on extension schemes in the district does not therefore arise. The total amount spent by the concerned licensees during 1952–53 on extensions in the district was Rs. 7,87,047."

SRI S. RAMALINGAM :—" கிராமப் பகுதிகளில் துரிதமாக மின்சாரத்தை விஸ்தரிக்க தனிப்பட்ட நபர்களிடமிருக்கும் மின்சார கம்பெனிகளை எடுத்துக்கொள்வதற்கு சர்க்கார் ஏதாவது உத்தேசித்துக் கொண்டிருக்கிறார்களா ? "

THE HON. RAJA SRI SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI :—" We have just passed the Act. We will be taking action in due course. If the licensees have been doing well, we will be going slow. That is what I have stated."

Fair price shops.

* 1026 *Q.*—SRI A. RATNAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) how many fair price shops were functioning on 1st February 1954;

(*b*) the approximate supply of rice to the fair price shops per week; and

(*c*) how many rice ration shops were functioning in the year 1950?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" (*a*) 3,888 fair price shops and 2,277 ration shops were functioning in the derationed areas and in the informally rationed areas of the State, respectively.

" (*b*) The approximate supply of rice per week to the fair price shops and ration shops is 3,711 tons.

"(c) 12,288 ration shops were functioning in the Madras State, excluding Andhra districts, when district-wide rationing was in force."

Payment of risk allowance to the staff of the Mental Hospital, Madras.

*1027 Q.—SRI D. DASARATHAN: Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state—

(a) whether any risk allowance is paid to the doctors and their subordinates in the Mental Hospital, Kilpauk, and in the other infectious diseases hospitals in the City of Madras; and

(b) whether this allowance is paid to menials also and if not, why?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY:—"(a) The doctors and the nurses employed in the Government Mental Hospital, Madras, are being paid a risk allowance. But those employed in the Infectious Diseases Hospital in the City which is under the control of the Corporation are not paid such allowance.

"(b) The menial staff in the Infectious Diseases Hospital in Tondiarpet is not paid any risk allowance. But a risk allowance of Rs. 3 per mensem has since been sanctioned with effect from 1st April 1954 to the attendants and toties in the Government Mental Hospitals at Madras and Kozhikode."

Grant of house-rent allowance to the staff of the work-charged establishment in the Government House subdivision of the Public Works Department.

*1028 Q.—SRI S. RAMALINGAM: Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Government have received any representation from the workers like maistris, carpenters and others belonging to work-charged establishment in the Government House subdivision of the Publit Woks Department requesting to grant them house-rent allowance; and

(b) if so, the action taken thereon?

THE HON. RAJA SRI SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI:—"(a) Yes, Sir.

"(b) The request was not granted as it was not admissible. The staff of the work-charged establishment are paid at market rates prevailing in the locality which include the element of house-rent allowance also."

SRI S. RAMALINGAM:—"கட்டிடம் கட்டும் தொழிலாளிகளாக இருப்பதால் அவர்களுக்கு வீடுகள் குடியிருப்பதற்குத் தேவையில்லை என்று அரசாங்கம் கருதுகின்றதா?"

THE HON. RAJA SRI SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI:—"I have stated that house-rent allowance is aslo reckoned in the calculation of their pay."

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Proceedings against Sri Kamalaksha Pai, Ex-President of the Badiadka Panchayat Board, Kasaragod Taluk.

* 1029 Q.—SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP : Will the Hon. the Minister for Local Administration be pleased to state with refrence to the answer given in reply to Question No. 437 on 27th March 1954—

(a) whether the report from the Inspector of Municipal Councils and Local Boards regarding the possibility of initiating criminal proceedings against Sri Kamalaksha Pai, Ex-President of the Badiadka Panchayat Board, Kasaragod taluk, South Kanara district has been received by the Government; and

(b) if so, the action taken thereon?

THE HON. SRI S. S. RAMASAMY PADAYACHI :—" (a) No, Sir.

" (b) Does not arise."

Representation for the withdrawal of the Modified Elementary Education Scheme.

* 1030 Q.—SRI A. RATNAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Government have received a copy of the resolution passed by the Dravidian Federation Conference held at Erode on 24th January 1954, urging the Government to withdraw the modified elementary education scheme within three months; and

(b) if so, the action taken by the Government thereon?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" (a) No, Sir.

" (b) Does not arise."

Removal of untouchability.

* 1031 Q.—SRI A. RATNAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Religious Endowments and Transport be pleased to state—

(a) whether any suggestion for the removal of untouchability has been received recently from the Scheduled Castes Federation, Madras;

(b) if so, the action taken thereon;

(c) what are the other organizations and individuals who have submitted programmes; and

(d) the final recommendation of the Government to the Central Government?

THE HON. SRI B. PARAMESWARAN :—" (a) & (b) The Tamil Nad Scheduled Castes Federation submitted a scheme containing certain suggestions for utilisation of the grant given by the Government of India for the removal of untouchability and requested that they may be entrusted with

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the implementation of the scheme. As the Federation is of a political character, the Government considered it not desirable to comply with the request of the Federation.

"(c) The Tamilnad Harijan Sevak Sangh, the Hindu Dharma Sangh and one Sri V. A. Giri also made some suggestions for the utilization of the grant.

"(d) The scheme as finalised by this Government was forwarded to the Government of India. The Government of India have raised certain doubts. The matter is under correspondence."

9–40 a.m. SRI K. VINAYAKAM :—"After the scheme fructifies, will the implementation of the scheme be entrusted to the Tamil Nad Scheduled Castes Federation, the Tamilnad Harijan Sevak Sangh and the Hindu Dharma Sangh?"

THE HON. SRI B. PARAMESWARAN :—"All shades of public opinion will be taken into consideration."

Amount allotted under discretionary grants by Collectors for Tanjore.

* 1032 *Q.*—SRI S. RAMALINGAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Revenue be pleased to state the amount proposed to be allotted for Tanjore for 1954–55 under Discretionary grants by the District Collectors?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—"The amount proposed to be allotted for 1954–55 to the Tanjore district under this head is—

	RS.
Ordinary	2,000
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Higher rates for the supply of electricity by the South Arcot Electricity Distribution Company, Limited, South Arcot.

* 1033 *Q.*—SRI V. GOPALA GOUNDER : Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government are aware that the rates for the supply of electrical energy by the South Arcot Electricity Distribution Company, Ltd., South Arcot, are much higher than those charged for the Government supply in other parts of the same district;

(*b*) whether any representation has been received by the Government in this regard; and

(*c*) what action the Government have taken so far to reconcile this anomalous position in regard to these rates?

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THE HON. RAJA SRI SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI :—" (a) Yes, Sir.

" (b) No such representation has been received recently.

" (c) The licensee has the power to fix his rates of supply to get the reasonable return permitted under the Electric Supply Act of 1948. So long as the return permitted is not exceeded, he cannot be asked to reduce his tariffs. The Government Electricity Department generally adopts uniform rates in areas directly served by them, the rates varying only between Thermal and Hydro-electric areas. The Government also does not aim at profits as such. Until all electricity undertakings have been taken over by Government the differences in rates would continue."

Opening of new basic training schools in Tanjore district.

* 1034 Q.—SRI S. RAMALINGAM: Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Government propose to open any new basic training schools under the new scheme for 1954–55 in Tanjore district; and

(b) if so, how many of them are to be for men and how many for women?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" (a) No, Sir.

" (b) The question does not arise."

Training of midwives.

* 1035 Q.—SRI T. ANANTA PAI: Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state—

(a) the number of midwives trained every year;

(b) the estimated number of midwives required; and

(c) how the Government propose to make up the difference between (a) and (b)?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" (a) Midwives are trained not only by Government but also by local bodies, Mission Hospitals and other private bodies. The number of midwives passing out every year from Government medical institutions is about 80 to 120.

" (b) About 175 for the Medical and Public Health Departments.

" (c) The number of midwives trained in Government Medical institutions is always in excess of the requirements of the Medical Department. In the Public Health Department, midwives are mainly required for employment in the Maternity and Child Welfare centres run by local bodies. No difficulty has so far been felt in finding the required number of midwives for this purpose."

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Imposition of taxes in Tellicherry Municipality.

* 1036 Q.—SRI K. MADHAVAN NAMBIAR : Will the Hon. the Minister for Local Administration be pleased to state whether the Government received any Memorandum from Sri P. K. Madhavan, Municipal Councillor, Tellicherry, dated 14th January 1954, regarding certain irregularities in the imposition of taxes in Tellicherry Municipality and if so, the action taken thereon?

THE HON. SRI S. S. RAMASAMY PADAYACHI :—"The answer is not ready."

MR. SPEAKER :—"The answer is not ready. So it is open to the hon. Member to renew the question."

SRI K. VINAYAKAM :—"May I know whether the Government will take the question as renewed or should the Member again write to renew the question?"

MR. SPEAKER :—"The Member should give fresh notice."

Scale of pay of Highways maistris.

* 1037 Q.—SRI S. RAMALINGAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state the scale of pay of Highways maistris working in the Tanjore Division?

THE HON. RAJA SRI SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI :—"The scale of pay of Maistris, Grade I, is Rs. 30—1—45 and that of Maistris, Grade II is Rs. 24—1—30. Experienced maistris possessing technical qualifications are allowed higher monthly rates of pay."

SRI S. RAMALINGAM :—"அவர்களுடைய சம்பள விகிதத்தை திருத்தியமைக்கும் விஷயம் சர்க்காருடைய யோசனையில் இருக்கிறதா ?"

THE HON. RAJA SRI SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI :—"Once their service is provincialised, which matter is under consideration, there will be uniformity."

SRI D. K. RAJU :—"What are the qualifications fixed for maistris?"

THE HON. RAJA SRI SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI :—"Notice."

Increase in the scale of pay of teachers in Government schools.

* 1038 Q.—SRI D. DASARATHAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state whether there is any proposal to increase the scale of pay of the teachers who are working in various types of Government schools and if so, the percentage proposed to be increased?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—"There is no proposal at present."

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Construction of tenements for Harijans in the City by the Director of Harijan Welfare.

* 1039 *Q.*—SRI A. RATNAM: Will the Hon. the Minister for Religious Endowments and Transport be pleased to state why the Director of Harijan Welfare is not constructing tenements for housing the Harijans in the City as was done by the Commissioner of Labour before the formation of a separate department for Harijan Welfare?

THE HON. SRI B. PARAMESWARAN :—" It is not the policy of the Government to construct houses for the Harijans. The housing of the Harijans in the Madras City is the primary responsibility of the Corporation of Madras. However, model tenements were constructed by the Commissioner of Labour, as a special case, in the following four colonies :—

(1) Ganesapuram;

(2) Paddisonpuram;

(3) Swathanthirapuram; and

(4) Brislee Nagar Settlement.

Sixteen masonry plinths have been constructed as a special case by the Harijan Welfare Department at a cost of Rs. 8,470 in R.S. Nos. 124/1 & 2 of Perambur (Sundara Rao Naidupuram Colony) as the colony was frequently flooded by the backwaters of the Buckingham Canal."

SRI S. DEIVASIGAMANY :—" May I know whether the Government are giving to the Corporation of Madras any gift or subsidy for this very laudable work which the Government expect the Corporation to do? "

THE HON. SRI B. PARAMESWARAN :—" I do not know what the Member means. The Government have got their own department, and through that department work is being carried on."

SRI A. RATNAM :—" May I know why the tenements built in Sundara Rao Naidupuram Colony have not been occupied for the last three years? "

THE HON. SRI B. PARAMESWARAN :—" I will find out."

SRI K. VINAYAKAM :—" Arising from the answer of the Hon. Minister that it is the duty of the Corporation of Madras to construct houses for Harijans and poor classes, may I know what aid the Government gave to the Corporation when it applied for a grant and what amount is allotted in the current year's budget for such work? "

THE HON. SRI B. PARAMESWARAN :—" A separate question may be put."

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SRI V. BALAKRISHNAN :—" Is it a fact that with all the laudable work of the Corporation of Madras as claimed by Mr. Deivasigamany, the cheris are lacking in ordinary amenities like privies and drinking water? "

THE HON. SRI B. PARAMESWARAN :—" The scheme is before the Corporation of Madras. The State Government has approved that scheme, and the matter is being taken up with the Government of India for getting subsidy, etc."

SRI M. JAGANNATHAN :—" In view of the fact that there are hundreds of homeless Harijans in the City of Madras, will the Government consider the desirability of giving a subsidy to the City Improvement Trust for constructing tenements for Harijans? "

THE HON. SRI B. PARAMESWARAN :—" We will consider."

SRI S. DEIVASIGAMANY :—" Mr. Balakrishnan was pleased to refer to the fact that these Harijan cheris lack in public conveniences, etc. May I know whether the Hon. Minister visited any of these cheris and found out if these amenities were lacking? "

THE HON. SRI B. PARAMESWARAN :—" In some of the cheris, these amenities are lacking. But in most of the cheris, they are not lacking."

SRI K. VINAYAKAM :—" In view of the serious allegation made by Sri Balakrishnan against the working of the Corporation, may I ask whether the Hon. Minister is aware that he, as the Mayor of Madras, provided water-taps in cheris, provided overhead tanks which were kept open for drawal of water from 6 a.m. to 9 p.m. and also supplied water through lorries and also constructed dry type latrines wherever there were no flushout latrines, and that the Corporation is doing a laudable service? "

THE HON. SRI B. PARAMESWARAN :—" I am thankful to the hon. Member for the compliments he has paid."

Grant of loans to Rural Co-operative House Building Societies in Tanjore district.

*1040 Q.—SRI S. RAMALINGAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state the sum proposed to be allotted for loans to Rural Co-operative House Building Societies in Tanjore district for the year 1954–55?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" A sum of Rs. 5 lakhs has been provided in the Budget Estimate for 1954–55 for loans to rural housing societies in the State. District-war allotment will be made by the Registrar of Co-operative Societies on the basis of the reports from the Deputy Registrars regarding the requirements of rural housing societies."

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Construction of a cross anicut in Manimuthar river.

* 1041 Q.—SRI K. ARANGANATHAN (on behalf of Sri M. Kattimuthu): Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Government have received any petitions from the villagers of Prithivimangalam, Thyagadurgam firka, in Kallakurishi taluk praying for the construction of a cross anicut in Manimuthar river for diverting the flow of water to the three lakes of the village; and

(b) if so, the action taken thereon?

THE HON. RAJA SRI SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI :—" (a) & (b) No representations have been received recently. But with reference to representations received in 1946 and earlier, the question of restoring the Bahadur anicut across Manimuthar and excavating a supply channel to Prithivimangalam tank was examined and dropped as it would affect irrigation interests lower down. It was also found that the tank was receiving adequate supply in a normal year of rainfall and was irrigating much more than the registered ayacut."

Legislation for compulsory reference to arbitration of family disputes.

* 1042 Q.—SRI V. BALAKRISHNAN: Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Government have asked for the opinion of the Advocates' Association of the Madras High Court regarding legislation for compulsory references to arbitration of partition and other such allied suits involving family litigation; and

(b) if so, what the opinion of the Association is?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" (a) Yes.

" (b) The proposal in favour of a compulsory arbitration may prove to be more oppressive than a long drawn litigation. Expeditious disposal of cases involving family dispute and a simplification of procedure of trial may help considerably. The remedy proposed of compulsory arbitrations does not find favour with the Advocates' Association."

SRI V. BALAKRISHNAN :—" Do the Government propose to accept the decision of this body as final, since this body exists and flourishes on litigation? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" The matter is under consideration. But this is a body competent to express an opinion on the matter."

SRI S. DEIVASIGAMANY :—" I rise on a point of order, Sir. The hon. Member Sri V. Balakrishnan was pleased to insinuate that the Advocates' Association was only interested in fomenting litigation. Is he in order in insinuating a body? "

MR. SPEAKER :—" Insinuation is out of order."

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Patrol duty by Thalayari and Vettiyan at night.

* 1043 *Q.*—SRI I. K. SUBRAMANIA PILLAY (on behalf of Sri S. T. Adityan): Will the Hon. the Minister for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether village servants known as Thalayaris and Vettiyans have the duty to patrol the village at night;

(*b*) whether the patrol duty is enforced in the Tirunelveli district;

(*c*) whether the patrol duty is actually being performed in that district; and

(*d*) whether the patrol duty was discontinued for some time in that district?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER:—"(*a*) to (*c*) Yes.

"(*d*) No."

Construction of a bridge at Nileshwar in South Kanara.

* 1044 *Q.*—SRI M. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR: Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state at what stage the construction of the bridge at Nileshwar in South Kanara district stands now?

THE HON. RAJA SRI SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI:—"The well sinking for foundation is in good progress. The bridge is expected to be completed before the end of 1954–1955."

Audit of expenditure from the budget provision for contract allowance under Demand IX.

* 1045 *Q.*—SRI S. RAMALINGAM: Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the expenditure from contract allowance of Rs. 1,50,000 under Demand IX—Head of State and Ministers, is subject to audit; and

(*b*) the purposes for which money can be spent out of this allotment?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM:—"(*a*) No. Sir.

"(*b*) (1) Pay and allowances of Raj Bhavan household establishment (i.e., butlers, bearers, peons, lascars, cooks, sweeping women, conservancy sweepers, dhobies, car drivers, cleaners, etc.)

(2) Liveries to the above establishment.

(3) Laundry contingencies.

(4) Library—purchase of books, magazines and periodicals.

(5) Special stationery for use of guests.

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(6) Stable contingencies.

(7) Special expenditure incurred in connection with the visits of the President, Prime Minister and other Very Important Persons.

(8) Miscellaneous and petty expenditure.

Items (1) and (2) above account for nearly 60 per cent and maintenance of motor cars for nearly 10 per cent of the total grant of Rs. 1,50,000."

Inclusion of "arrack" in the definition of "liquor" in the Madras Prohibition Act.

* 1046 Q.—SRI K. ARANGANATHAN: Will the Hon. the Minister for Religious Endowments and Transport be pleased to state—

(a) the number of cases acquitted in the Madras State due to non-inclusion of 'arrack' in the definition of 'liquor'; and

(b) what steps the Government have taken to include 'arrack' in the definition of 'liquor' in the Madras Prohibition Act?

THE HON. SRI B. PARAMESWARAN:—" (a) Six.

" (b) The Government have ordered the filing of an appeal in the High Court. Action will be taken after the appeal is decided by the High Court."

MR. SPEAKER:—" If it is before the Court, it is *sub judice*." 9-50 a.m.

Repairs to the Irrigation Channel at Vilanguvasal, Mayuram

* 1047 Q.—SRI V. GOVINDASWAMY NAIDU (on behalf of Sri K. R. Sambandam): Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(a) whether any petition has been received from the ryots of Vilanguvasal village, Mayuram taluk, about the state of disrepair of the Irrigation channel at Vilanguvasal; and

(b) if so, what steps have been taken so far?

THE HON. RAJA SRI SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI:—" (a) & (b) A petition was received by the local officers in November 1952 from the villagers of Vilanguvasal praying for the repair of certain masonry works in the irrigation channels in the village. Although repair was referred to actually there are only traces of the works and the question was one of complete reconstruction. As the channel and the masonry works therein are not in charge of the P.W.D., but of the villagers, and the villagers were not willing to contribute towards the cost of repairs, no action was taken on this petition. The Collector of Tanjore is taking action again in the matter to find out whether the interested ryots are now agreeable to contribute towards these works. If they agree, action will be taken to carry out the repairs."

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Construction of a road from Wandiwash to Tirukkoilur.

* 1048 *Q.*—Sri K. ARANGANATHAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Local Administration be pleased to state whether the Government have any proposal to construct a road from Wandiwash in North Arcot district to Tirukkoilur in South Arcot district (via) Tellar, Gingee, Ananthapuram and Kandachipuram?

The Hon. Sri S. S. RAMASAMY PADAYACHI :—" The answer is not readily available, Sir."

Retrenchment of teachers.

* 1049 *Q.*—Sri M. DHARMALINGAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state whether any order was issued to the educational authorities to retrench even the permanent teachers if there is no sufficient strength of 30 boys per teacher as per the recommendation of the Parulekar Committee?

The Hon. Sri C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" No, Sir."

Gandhi Memorial Hospital, Tiruchirappalli.

* 1050 *Q.*—Sri M. KALYANASUNDRAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state—

(*a*) the bed-strength in the Gandhi Memorial Hospital at Tiruchirappalli; and

(*b*) the average number of in-patients per day?

The Hon. Sri A. B. SHETTY :—" (*a*) Two hundred and seventy-five, Sir.

" (*b*) Four hundred and ninety-six in 1953, Sir."

Sri M. DHARMALINGAM :—" On a point of order, Sir. The main purpose in putting the questions is not to waste the time of the Government or the House. Questions are put to elicit useful information from the Government and also to bring to the notice of the Government malpractices and injustice done to the people of which the Government may not be aware so that they can do justice to the people. If we are not given an opportunity to put supplementary questions to elicit further information, I think it may not serve the purpose at all."

Mr. SPEAKER :—" It does not prevent the hon. Member from giving fresh notice of questions."

Supply of water from the river Tambaraparani to certain tanks.

* 1051 *Q.*—Sri R. S. ARUMUGAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state whether any representation was made on 8th January 1954 to the Hon. Minister in respect of taking water (i) to Manoor tank (Tirunelveli taluk) from the river Tambaraparni at Tirupudaimarudur and (ii) to Gangaikondan Tank by a channel from Palayapattai and what action has been taken on such representation?

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THE HON. RAJA SRI SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI :—" Yes Sir. The first proposal is not feasible as the level of the tank is 165 feet higher than that of the river at Tirupudaimarudur. The second had already been examined before and found not feasible since the scheme would be prohibitively costly and the diversion of supplies would adversely affect the tail end area of the Tirunelveli channel system. This position has already been explained to the hon. Member in a letter in January 1954."

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THE HON. SRI S. S. RAMASAMY PADAYACHI :—" (a) No, Sir.

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* 1053 Q.—SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP : Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state the steps taken so far by the Government in the matter of the development of Beypore Port in South Malabar?

THE HON. RAJA SRI SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI :—" The question of the Hydrographic survey of the minor ports in the State, including Kozhikode-Beypore, has been taken up with the Government of India. The report of the Dredger Experts of the United Nations Technical Assistance Administration, who recently visited the minor ports in the State, including Beypore is also under examination. The question of developing Beypore as a port will have to await the conclusions which will be reached on the matters mentioned. Every effort is being made to expedite those conclusions."

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* 1054 Q.—SRI V. K. KANNAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(a) how many of the teachers working in the schools in North Arcot district are trained and how many untrained; and

(b) if any untrained teachers are working, whether the Government have any proposal to open more training schools in North Arcot district to get these untrained teachers trained?

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THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" (a)

	Trained.	Untrained.
(1) Elementary Schools	5,493	854
(2) Basic Schools	248	11
(3) Secondary Schools	1,055	263

" (b) No Sir, there are seven training schools in the district and these schools afford sufficient opportunities for the untrained teachers to get themselves trained."

MR. SPEAKER :—" So far we have covered 120 questions. Now, the time is 5 minutes to 10. I have got a few more questions to be answered and I hope the House will not object to taking up those questions also."

Construction of houses by the Government in the City during 1952.

* 1055 Q.—SRI D. DASARATHAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(a) how many houses were constructed by the Government during the year 1952 in the City of Madras;

(b) what is the total amount spent on these;

(c) how many Harijans were allotted these Houses; and

(d) how many non-gazetted officers belonging to all the communities were provided with these houses?

THE HON. RAJA SRI SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI :—" (a) 66.

" (b) Rs. 3,94,000.

" (c) None, Sir.

" (d) 66."

Strengthening the bund of the Badathalav tank in Krishnagiri taluk.

* 1056 Q.—SRI D. KRISHNAMURTHY GOUNDER : Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(a) whether the bund of the tank in Badathalav in Krishnagiri taluk was in a dangerous condition during the last rainy season;

(b) if so, the steps taken to strengthen it; and

(c) whether any estimate has been prepared and sanctioned to strengthen the bund?

THE HON. RAJA SRI SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI :—" (a) No.

" (b) & (c) Do not arise."

SRI KUNHI MUHAMAD SHAFEE :—" Sir, we are not supplied with the copies of the questions now put on the floor of the House and answered by Hon. Ministers."

MR. SPEAKER :—" Copies of the questions were distributed to hon. Members. Probably, the hon. Member was not in his seat at that time."

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Supply of electricity to certain villages in Thiruvadanai taluk, Ramanathapuram district.

* 1057 Q.—SRI P. CHELLATHURAI : Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state whether the Government have any proposal to supply electricity to Sarugani, Thiruvadanai, Thondi and Rajasingamangalam villages in Thiruvadanai taluk, Ramanathapuram district; and if so, when?

THE HON. RAJA SRI SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI :—" The villages referred to are in the area of supply of the South Madras Electric Supply Corporation, Limited. The feasibility of supply of electricity to the villages was investigated by the licensee as early as 1947, but it was found unremunerative to him. The position has been re-examined by the licensee recently and he has reported that the load prospects in the area have not improved even now, so as to yield a reasonable return on the estimated cost of Rs. 3·7 lakhs for the extension. Extension of supply of electricity to the villages is, therefore, not feasible at present."

Appointment of the Labour Inspectors for the enforcement of the Madras Shops and Establishments Act.

* 1058 Q.—SRI T. ANANTA PAI : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(a) the number of Labour Inspectors appointed to enforce the Madras Shops and Establishments Act in the State; and

(b) the annual cost to the State in enforcing the Act?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" (a) There are 140 Assistant Inspectors of Labour in the State for the purpose.

" (b) Rs. 5,84,000 approximately."

Stalls opened by the Agriculture and Industries Departments in the Exhibition held in Madras in 1952.

* 1059 Q.—SRI A. RATNAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(a) the number of stalls opened by the Department of Agriculture and Industries in the Exhibition held in Madras in 1952;

(b) the expenditure incurred thereon?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" (a) The number of stalls taken by the Agricultural Department and the Industries Department in the All India Khadi, Swadeshi and Industrial Exhibition held at Teynampet, Madras, from 18th December 1952 to 8th February 1953 was 18 and 32 respectively.

" (b) The expenditure incurred by the Agricultural Department by participation in this Exhibiton was Rs. 8,858–4–6. The Industries Department incurred an expenditure of Rs. 12,115–9–0."

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SRI K. VINAYAKAM :—" Sir, did the Government make any income out of this Exhibition and what is the useful purpose for which these stalls were taken and what is the net result by way of beneficial work done by the Department."

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" Sir, I have no doubt that the hon. Member appreciates the need for propogating the activities of the Agricultural Department and the Industries Department. That was the purpose served, Sir, on account of the expenditure incurred for taking these stalls in the Exhibition."

Slums on Government lands alienated to the Director of Harijan Welfare.

* 1060 *Q.*—SRI D. DASARATHAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) the number of slums on Government land that were alienated to the Director of Harijan Welfare for improvement and for assignment as house sites to the respective occupiers; and

(*b*) whether slums on the lands, alienated to the Corporation of Madras, have been alienated to the Director of Harijan Welfare likewise for the above purposes?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" (*a*) An extent of Caw. 42–18–394 square feet of land in the city and an extent of 14·27 acres in the extended areas of the City were transferred to the Harijan Welfare Department for being assigned as house-sites.

" (*b*) No."

10 a.m. SRI S. RAMALINGAM :—" May I know how many acres constitute one *kani?* "

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" 1-1/3 acres, Sir."

Export of " Pambukkalaver " herb.

* 1061 *Q.*—SRI P. JEEVANANDAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that a herb by name " Pambukkalaver " is being exported from the Tuticorin Port to Britain, U.S.A., and Germany;

(*b*) if so, the quantity so exported; and

(*c*) the medicinal and scientific value of the herb?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" (*a*) Yes, Sir.

" (*b*) About 53 tons during 1953–54.

" (*c*) The roots of the herb are used in India in preparation of medicines for reducing blood pressure. The crude drug was tested about 25 years ago in the General Hospital,

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Madras, in cases of high blood pressure and was found effective but gave rise to giddiness in some cases. The root has also been claimed to be an anti-dote for snakebite by ancient writers."

Amount granted for adult education, assignment of waste land, etc., in North Arcot district in 1952.

* 1062 *Q.*—SRI D. DASARATHAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) the amount granted for each of the following items in North Arcot district in 1952—

(1) Adult Education, (2) Assignment of Waste Land, (3) Acquisition of private waste lands, (4) Irrigation and (5) Road Development; and

(*b*) the amount actually spent under each head?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" (*a*) The budget allotments are not made by districts. They are made for the State as a whole, and the Heads of Departments distribute the allotments, with reference to the needs of each district.

" (*b*) The expenditure incurred in 1952–53 in the North Arcot district was roughly as follows :—

	RS.
(1) Adult Education	4,000
(2) Assignment of waste lands	Nil.
(3) Acquisition of private waste lands	Nil.
(4) Irrigation	6,20,100
(5) Road Development (Schemes included in the Five-Year Plan)	5,47,100
	11,71,200"

Minor irrigation schemes in Attappady, Malabar.

* 1063 *Q.*—SRI K. MADHAVAN NAMBIAR (on behalf of Sri K. C. Gopalan Unni) : Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether any proposal has been received by the Government from the Malabar Food Production Committee for starting minor irrigation schemes in Attapaddy in Malabar; and

(*b*) if so, what the schemes are and what decisions have been taken by the Government on the proposals?

THE HON. RAJA SRI SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI :—" (*a*) The District Food Production Committee recommended to the Collector of Malabar two schemes to be taken up in the Attappady Valley.

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" (b) (1) Construction of an anicut across the Siruvani (2) Construction of a reservoir across the Varagar. As the streams are tributaries of the Bhavani river, the proposals have been deferred till it could be established that adequate supply would be available for the schemes without affecting the interests of the Lower Bhavani Project nearing completion."

Leasing out of waste lands in Kuthali Nayar's Estate. North Malabar.

* 1064 *Q*.—SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) the extent of land in Kuthali Nayar's Estate, North Malabar which is under litigation;

(*b*) what, if any, is the extent of wet lands included in the subject-matter of litigation;

(*c*) the conditions under which the Government lease out wet lands and waste lands included in the estate for cultivation;

(*d*) whether the Government have any scheme to bring under cultivation, waste lands included in the estate;

(*e*) whether any applications have been received for permission to cultivate waste lands included in the estate from persons of the locality; and

(*f*) if so, the action taken thereon?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" (*a*) The title and ownership of the Pillapperuvanna Malavaram is in dispute. This is an unsurveyed forest area measuring roughly about 30,000 acres in extent.

" (*b*) No wet land as such is included in the subject-matter of litigation.

" (*c*) Lands under the Estate are granted under two kinds of leases—

(1) Lease on permanent tenure fixing a period of five years at a time; and

(2) Annual lease on temporary permits.

Lands other than forests are leased out on permanent tenure on executing indenture deeds renewable every five years. Annual leases are granted on temporary permits only in respect of lands in Vallippetta Melavaram. These temporary grants are charged at a flat rate of Rs. 5–12–0 per acre in respect of lands fit for cultivation of wet crops and at Rs. 2–4–0 per acre for other lands. The varam rent fixed is inclusive of assessment and cesses.

" (*d*) The intention of the Government is to grant the waste lands in Vallippetta Malavaram permanently to *bona fide* cultivators. This question is kept in abeyance pending finalizaton of the survey of the area.

" (*e*) Yes, Sir.

" (*f*) The matter is under consideration."

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Non-allotment of the Andhra Member of the Madras Public Service Commission to the Andhra State.

* 1065 *Q.*—Sri K. R. VISWANATHAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state whether one of the members of the Madras Public Service Commission is an Andhra, and if so, the reasons for not allotting him to the Andhra State?

The Hon. Sri C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" Dr. M. A. Haq, Member, Madras Public Service Commission, is an Andhra. Under Article 316 (2) of the Constitution, he is entitled to hold the office of Member for the full term for which he has been appointed in the State of Madras. Under Article 319 (*d*), he can hold office in the Andhra Public Service Commission only as its Chairman, but the Andhra Government were not willing to take him as Chairman of their Commission. He has, therefore, been retained as Member of the Commission in this State for the rest of his term of office which will expire on the 3rd January 1959."

Sri K. VINAYAKAM :—" Are the Government aware of the fact that no non-Andhra, either Tamilian, Kanarese or Malayalee, has been drafted to the Public Service Commission of the Andhra State? If that is the state of affairs prevailing in Andhra State, what could be the valid reason, apart from the one that was adduced by the Hon. Minister on the floor of the House just now, for having an Andhra officer in our Public Service Commission? "

The Hon. Sri C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" Sir, I am not aware of the composition of the Andhra Public Service Commission. The hon. Member's information may perhaps be correct. But, as far as Dr. Haq is concerned, he has been appointed as a Member of the Public Service Commission of the Madras State. Under the Constitution, he cannot be removed before the expiry of his term by any authority."

Sri V. BALAKRISHNAN :—" Why should the refusal of the Andhra Government to take this officer prove to be our liability? "

The Hon. Sri C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" It is not a question of liability. Under the Constitution, no Member of the Public Service Commission can be removed from office. Therefore, he has to continue as Member of the Madras State Public Service Commission for the term he was appointed."

Sri KUNHI MUHAMAD SHAFEE :—" Is it not a fact that many of the officers belonging to Madras State, including some I.C.S. officers are serving under the Andhra Government now? "

The Hon. Sri C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" Yes, Sir. There are some I.C.S. officers serving under the Government of Andhra. But other non-Andhra officers are serving only on a temporary basis."

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SRI S. DEIVASIGAMANY :—" May I know whether this officer was appointed as a Member of the Public Service Commission of the composite Madras State and if so why was he not transferred to the Andhra State after partition? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" He was appointed when the State was a composite State as Member of the Public Service Commission of the Madras State. Only a portion of the Madras State was carved out and the Andhra State was formed as a separate State, and Madras continued as the same entity. Legal opinion was to the effect that under the Constitution, this officer was entitled to continue as Member of the Public Service Commission of the residuary Madras State."

SRI M. KALYANASUNDRAM :—" Under the Andhra State Act, there is a provision to refer matters of dispute to the President of India. May I know whether this matter was referred to the President and if so, what his decision in the matter was? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" There is no question of dispute with reference to the Public Service Commission. There is no provision in the Andhra State Act with reference to the Public Service Commission personnel. Therefore, the provisions of the Constitution will apply. Under the provisions of the Constitution, he is entitled to serve as a Member of the Public Service Commission of the Madras State for the period mentioned in the Constitution."

SRI S. JAYARAMA REDDIYAR :—" Supposing the name of this State is changed as ' residuary Madras State ', will it give an opportunity to the Government to send this officer to the Andhra Government or to terminate his service? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" There is no question of terminating his service, it does not arise and it will not be possible to do so under the provisions of the Constitution. Considering the position that the Member occupies, I think it is better if further questions are avoided."

SRI M. R. RAMACHANDRAN :—" Is there not any other method or provision by which this officer can be sent back to the Andhra Government? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" There is no legal method of sending him away." (Laughter.)

SRI K. VINAYAKAM :—" Dr. Haq being an Andhra according to the definition of ' Andhra ', may I know on what grounds the Andhra Govtrnment refused to take him into their service? May I also know what steps the Madras Government took to persuade the Andhra Government to accept him and why they failed to their attempt to send him to the Andhra Government? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" We failed because of the provisions of the Constitution, Sir."

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SRI V. R. NAGARAJAN :—" Was this officer taken from the Presidency College to the Public Service Commission just to give him a chance to be in service beyond the 55th year? If, however, he is entitled to be in service according to the Constitution, will the Government persuade the Andhra Government to take him for one year?"

THE HON SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" I do not know wherefrom the hon. Member gets this 'one year'. The officer is entitled to be in service till 3rd January 1959."

SRI S. PANCHAKSHARAM :—" Cannot the Government persuade Dr. Haq to resign his job or devise means by which he will be made to resign?"

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" I don't think it is advisable for the Government to take such an attitude."

Putting up of a " Changadam " at Punnakkadavu ferry in Payyanur, North Malabar.

* 1066 *Q.*—SRI K. P. GOPALAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state whether it is a fact that the Collector of Malabar has written to the Special Officer, Malabar District Board, to take steps to put up a " Changadam " at Punnakkadavu ferry in Payyanur, North Malabar, to facilitate communication and trade between Payyanur and Ramanthalai amsams?

THE HON. RAJA SRI SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI :—" No. Sir."

Names of the villages selected for trying the Japanese method of paddy cultivation.

* 1067 *Q.*—SRI A. RATNAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state the names of the villages selected for trying the Japanese method of paddy cultivation in the State, the amount of money spent and the results up to the end of the year 1953?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" In this State, we have modified the Japanese method of paddy cultivation to suit local conditions. A list of villages selected in this State for trying the modified Japanese method is placed on the table of the House. No extra expenditure was incurred by this Government in connection with the popularization of the modified Japanese method of paddy cultivation in this State during 1953 as this work is attended to by the Agricultural Department staff as part of their normal work.

As regards the results, 12,893 acres of land were brought under the modified Japanese method of paddy cultivation in this State during 1953. The average increased yield per acre by the adoption of the modified method in the Tanjore,

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Tiruchirappalli, South Kanara and Malabar districts compared to no manure or local treatments ranged from 22 per cent to 58 per cent. Six farmers who secured the highest yields under the modified method secured yields ranging from 6,500 lb. per acre to 9,625 lb. per acre."

Repairs to Sultan canal, Pazhayangadi, North Malabar.

* 1068 *Q.*—SRI K. P. GOPALAN: Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state why the Sultan canal of Pazhayangadi, North Malabar, has not been repaired by the Government as usual?

THE HON. RAJA SRI SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI :—" No repairs were carried out to this canal for so many years in view of the uneconomic nature of the work."

Nationalisation of industries in the State.

* 1069 *Q.*—SRI N. K. PALANISAMI: Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state whether the Government have received any proposal from the Planning Commission with regard to the nationalisation of industries in the State?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" No, Sir."

10-10 a.m. *Landed property of the Manaithunainatha temple in Valivalam village, Nagapattinam taluk, Tanjore district.*

* 1070 *Q.*—SRI S. VADIVELU: Will the Hon. the Minister for Religious Endowments be pleased to state the extent and value of the landed property of Manaithunainatha temple in Valivalam village of Nagapattinam taluk, Tanjore district?

THE HON. SRI B. PARAMESWARAN :—" The answer is not readily available, Sir."

Amount allotted for loans to Rural Co-operative House Building Society in Tanjore district for 1954–55.

* 1071 *Q.*—SRI S. RAMALINGAM: Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state the sum proposed to be allotted for loans to Rural Co-operative House Building Societies in Tanjore district for the year 1954–55?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" A sum of Rs. 52,500 has been allotted for the grant of loans to Rural Housing Societies in Tanjore district for the year 1954–55."

Fish-curing yards on the West Coast.

* 1072 *Q.*—SRI N. GOPALA MENON (on behalf of Sri T. Ananta Pai): Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(*a*) how many fish-curing yards there are on the West Coast;

(*b*) what exactly their functions are;

(*c*) the total quantity of salt sold to these yards in 1953; and

(*d*) the total cost of maintaining these yards?

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THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" (a) There are 63 fish-curing yards on the West Coast.

" (b) These fish-curing yards provide facilities for the fishermen to cure their catches of fish under sanitary conditions under the supervision of the yard staff. Salt of good quality required to cure fish is issued to the curers at subsidised rates at these yards. The yard staff supervise the extraction of shark liver oil, despatch livers to the Government Oil Factory, Kozhikode, collect statistics relating to fish landed, fish cured, etc., and also do welfare work among fishermen.

" (c) The total quantity of salt sold is 214,502 maunds.

" (d) The total cost of maintenance of these yards is Rs. 2,47,700."

Uplift of Fishermen community.

* 1073 Q.—SRI D. DASARATHAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state what steps have been taken by this Government for the uplift of fishermen and to provide them with employment?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" A statement [a] is placed on the table."

Number of slums in the City aliented to the Director of Harijan Welfare.

* 1074 Q.—SRI A. RATNAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Land Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) how many slums (hutting grounds) in the City belonging to the Government were alienated to the Director of Harijan Welfare, for improvement and for assignment as house sites to the respective occupiers ;

(b) how many slums belonging to the Government are under consideration for similar disposal; and

(c) whether slums on the lands alienated to the Corporation of Madras also will be transferred to the Director of Harijan Welfare for the same purpose of assignment to the respective occupiers?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" The information is not readily available, Sir."

Amount spent on adult education in Tanjore district during 1952–53.

* 1075 Q.—SRI K. R. SAMBANDAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(a) the amount spent on adult education in Tanjore district during 1952–53 ; and

(b) the number of adult education centres maintained?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" (a) Rs. 18,910–9–0.

" (b) The Government are not maintaining any adult education centres in the State. The number of aided adult education centres in the Tanjore district during 1952–53 was 135."

[a] Printed as Appendix IV on pages 463-464 infra.

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Number of members of the staff belonging to the Scheduled Castes in the Prohibition Department.

* 1076 *Q.*—SRI D. DASARATHAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Religious Endowments and Transport be pleased to state the number of gazetted and non-gazetted officers, last-grade servants and menials belonging to the Scheduled Castes in the Prohibition Department?

THE HON. SRI B. PARAMESWARAN :—" The number of members of the Scheduled Castes employed in the Excise and Prohibition Department is as follows :—

Gazetted officers—Nil.

Non-gazetted officers—146.

Last-grade Government servants—Nil.

Menial—1."

Selection of persons from the Revenue Department for appointment as Assistant Commercial Tax Officers in the Commercial Tax Department.

* 1077 *Q.*—SRI M. DHARMALINGAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether any Government Order has been issued to select persons from the Revenue Department for appointment as Assistant Commercial Tax Officers in the Commercial Tax Department;

(*b*) if so, the number of persons selected from the Revenue Department;

(*c*) whether any Harijans were selected and if so, their number; and

(*d*) whether any qualifications were prescribed for the selection of such candidates, and if so, what they are?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" The answer is not ready, Sir."

Central Government aid for the implementation of the Five-Year Plan.

* 1078 *Q.*—

MR. SPEAKER :—" The hon. Member, Sri Palanisami, is not in his place. The answer to the question will be printed in the proceedings."

SRI N. K. PALANISAMI : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have received any grant from the Central Government for the implementation of the Five-Year Plan; and

(*b*) if so, the amount that will be allotted out of it to Coimbatore district?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" (*a*) The Government of India are not at present giving any block grant for the implementation of the State Five-Year Plan. Their financial

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assistance to the State Government for the implementation of the Five-Year Plan is mostly in the form of loans. They, however, sanction grants for certain specific schemes approved by them, e.g., Grow More Food Schemes included in the Plan, and also for Centrally sponsored schemes like Community Projects, Local Development Works and National Extension Service Schemes. In the revised estimate of the present Madras State for the second half of 1953–54, credit was taken for the following grants from the Government of India :—

	RS. LAKHS.
Grow More Food Schemes	50·00
Community Projects	9·18
National Extension Service and Rural Welfare Schemes	11·00

In regard to Local Development Works, the Government of India sanctioned a grant of Rs. 40 lakhs for the composite Madras State for the whole of the year 1953–54 and the share of the present Madras State alone is about Rs. 25 lakhs. It was expected that of this, about Rs. 15 lakhs would relate to the second half year.

"(b) The amount allotted to the Coimbatore district out of these *grants* is roughly as follows :—

Schemes.	RS. LAKHS
Grow More Food Schemes	1·14
Community Projects	1·39
Local Development works	2·37
National Extension Service Schemes	0·68 "

Leprosy Sanatorium at Chingleput.

* 1079 *Q.*—Sri M. DHARMALINGAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether there is any proposal to open Leprosy Clinics in the Local Fund Dispensaries as in the case of Government Hospitals;

(*b*) whether any patients have been cured of leprosy after treatment in the Leprosy Sanatorium at Chingleput during the year 1953–54; and

(*c*) if so, how many and the expenditure incurred during the year 1953–54?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" (*a*) There are no fresh proposals for the opening of leprosy clinics in the Local Fund Dispensaries in the State as there are already facilities for the treatment of leprosy in these institutions.

" (b) So far as leprosy is concerned the question of ' cure ' does not arise. During the year 1953–54, 69 patients were discharged with a non-infectivity certificate and 43 as quiescent cases from the Government Lady Willingdon Leprosy Sanatorium, Tirumani. In all these cases, the disease has been arrested.

" (c) One hundred and twelve cases as stated above.

The expenditure incurred during the year 1953–54 in the Government Lady Willingdon Leprosy Sanatorium, Tirumani, is Rs. 3,77,884–6–6."

Major irrigation schemes of ' Bijur ' and ' Hallady ', Coondapur taluk.

* 1080 *Q.*—

MR. SPEAKER :—" The hon. Member Sri Y. Manjaya Shetty is not in his place. The answer to the question will be printed in the proceedings."

SRI Y. MANJAYA SHETTY : Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(a) whether there is any proposal to create a separate Public Works Department Subdivision for Coondapur taluk to investigate and execute two major irrigation schemes of ' Bijur ' and ' Hallady ';

(b) if so, when it will be done; and

(c) when the investigation of those schemes will be commenced and completed?

THE HON. RAJA SRI SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI :—" (a) Yes.

" (b) The proposal is awaited from the Special Chief Engineer. It will be examined and a decision taken on receipt.

" (c) The investigation of the Hallady Scheme has already been taken up by the Mangalore Subdivision and is in progress. The investivation of the Bijur Scheme will be taken up after the former has been completed."

Number of officers for supervising the elementary schools in the State in 1953.

* 1081 *Q.*—SRI K. ARANGANATHAN :—" Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state the number of ranges and the number of Senior Deputy Inspectors, Junior Deputy Inspectors and Attendance Officers to supervise elementary schools in the State in 1953?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" The figures as on 31st December 1953 are—

Number of ranges—197.

Number of Deputy Inspectors (Senior Scale)—197.

Number of Deputy Inspectors (Junior Scale)—135.

Number of Attendance Officers—29."

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Sri K. PARTHASARATHY :—" Are the Government aware that these Attendance Officers are not doing any useful job and so, will the Government consider the conversion of these posts into posts of Junior Inspectors or Senior Inspectors, as the case may be? "

The Hon. Sri C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" I shall consider the suggestion, Sir."

Sri K. VINAYAKAM :—" How many elementary schools are entrusted to the care of the Deputy Inspectors of Schools for supervision per year and what useful purpose will be served by entrusting a very large number of schools which is unwieldy and beyond his capacity to supervise? "

The Hon. Sri C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" Sir, a proposal to reduce the number of schools under the charge of each Deputy Inspector of Schools (Junior Scale) is under the consideration of the Government."

Sri K. ARANGANATHAN :—" Sir, in one taluk, there are many circles. Because of that, there is an increase in the establishment charges. Therefore, may I know whether the Government will consider combining these circles into one and appointing more Deputy Inspectors? "

The Hon. Sri C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" I will consider that suggestion, Sir."

Non-recognition of the Public Works Department Workers' Union.

* 1082 Q.—Sri T. P. ELUMALAI : Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state why the Public Works Department Workers' Union which has been in existence since 1926, has not been recognized by the Government till now?

The Hon. Raja Sri SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI : " The Union applied for recognition by the Government only in June 1953. The question is under consideration, with particular reference to the possibility of the enactment of the Central Trade Unions Bill."

Dress regulations for State officials.

* 1083 Q.—Sri N. GOPALA MENON : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Government have received any instructions from the Government of India recommending or prescribing any dress regulations to be observed by the State officials and others; and

(b) whether the Government have issued any instructions concerning this matter?

The Hon. Sri C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" (a) & (b) Certain suggestions were received from the Prime Minister of India regarding the dress to be worn by civilian officers on formal occasions, at parties and in office. It was made clear that

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those instructions should not be regarded as binding on the officers. They have been communicated to all officers under this Government for their due consideration. An official communication from the Government of India containing more or less the same instructions has also been just received and it is under consideration.''

Representation from the Coimbatore District Motor Workers' Union.

* 1084 *Q.*—Sri M. KALYANASUNDRAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether any representation was received by the Government from the Coimbatore District Motor Workers' Union on 10th April 1954 regarding the reinstatement of some workers in the B.M.S. Motor Service, Coimbatore; and

(*b*) if so, the action taken thereon?

The Hon. Sri M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—'' (*a*) Yes, Sir.

'' (*b*) The Government informed the Union that they declined to reconsider the orders already passed, holding that there was no case for adjudication in respect of the dismissal of a driver and a conductor of B.M.S. Motor Service, Coimbatore.''

Abolition of the Preliminary Training School for Nurses, Madras.

* 1085 *Q.*—Sri K. P. GOPALAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state—

(*a*) the date on which the Preliminary Training School for Nurses, Madras, was abolished;

(*b*) whether any permanent or temporary employees in the said school were discharged on the date on which the school was abolished;

(*c*) if so, how many, and whether notice was given to such employees;

(*d*) whether the Director of Medical Services has issued any circular to absorb retrenched employees of the school in the vacancies arising in other medical institutions in the city before new hands are recruited;

(*e*) whether there are any vacancies not yet filled up in the Government Mental Hospital at Kilpauk, Madras;

(*f*) whether the Director of Medical Services has received any representations from the Madras Government Hospital Workers' Union that the vacancies in the Government Mental Hospital are being filled up by the Superintendent by recruting new hands; and

(*g*) if so, what action has been taken thereon?

The Hon. Sri A. B. SHETTY :—'' (*a*) 1st July 1953.

'' (*b*) No permanent employee was discharged. The employees discharged were only temporary.

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" (c) Seventeen. No notice was given to the employees.

" (d) Yes, Sir.

" (e) No, Sir.

" (f) Yes.

" (g) The mater is being examined by the Director of Medical Services."

Criminal Tribes Settlement at Pallavaram in Chingleput district and at Perambur in Madras City.

* 1086 Q.—SRI V. R. NAGARAJAN (on behalf of Sri M. Kattimuthu): Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(a) when the Criminal Tribes Settlements were started at—

(i) Pallavaram in Chingleput district; and

(ii) Perambur in Madras City for reclaiming criminal tribes;

(b) the nature of ameliorative and welfare work done by the Government in the above settlements; and

(c) the results of the reclamation work done in the settlements?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" (a) The Pallavaram Settlement was stared in 1917 and the Perambur Settlement in 1913.

" (b) & (c) The information is furnished in the paper [a] placed on the table of the House."

Maternity Centre and Pre-Basic School at Jambumadai, Musiri taluk.

* 1087 Q.—SRI P. RANGASWAMI REDDIAR: Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state—

(a) whether there is any Maternity Centre and a Pre-Basic School at Jambumadai, Musiri taluk;

(b) whether the President of the Kasturba Gandhi Samporna Seva Nilayam, Jambumadai, Musiri taluk, made any representation to the Government for a grant to construct buildings for the dispensary there; and

(c) whether the request of the President was considered by the Government and with what results?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" [a] (a) Yes, Sir.

" (b) No, Sir.

" (c) Does not arise."

[a] Printed as Appendix V on pages 464–465 infra.

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Suit against the District Munsif of Thuraiyur for alleged assault, defamation, etc.

* 1088 *Q.*—Sri S. SWAYAMPRAKASAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether a suit was instituted against the District Munsif of Thuraiyur for alleged assault, defamation, etc., in the Sub-Court of Tiruchirappalli in 1951;

(*b*) whether the Government defended the suit on his behalf;

(*c*) the expenditure incurred by the Government thereon;

(*d*) the result of this suit; and

(*e*) the consideration on which Government incur expenditure for Government servants in action against such servants by private parties?

The Hon. Sri C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" (*a*) Yes.

" (*b*) The defence of the officer was sanctioned by the High Court as the officer is under its administrative control.

" (*c*) The Court allowed Rs. 245 as fees to the Government Pleader, Tiruchirappalli. The Board has been asked to address the High Court who are competent to sanction the amount.

" (*d*) The suit was dismissed as agreed to by the parties without costs.

" (*e*) Public officers will always be protected when it appears to the Government that they have acted in good faith, but the Government do not bind themselves to undertake their defence when this is not the case. Orders sanctioning such expenditure are issued in accordance with the rules framed in that behalf."

Report on the pilot project regarding the lignite deposits in Neyveli.

* 1089 *Q.*—Sri M. KALYANASUNDRAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have examined the report on the results of the pilot project regarding the lignite deposits in Neyveli; and

(*b*) if so, what are the proposals of the Government to establish a regular mining industry to work these deposits?

The Hon. Sri M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" (*a*) No, Sir. The pilot project is only in progress and has not been completed and hence no report on the results has been received.

" (*b*) The question of preparation of a project report for the large-scale exploitation of lignite is under the consideration of the Government of India."

Construction of an anicut across the Payaswami River.

* 1090 Q.—SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP : Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to State—

(a) whether the Government have received a copy of the resolution passed by the Muliar Kisan conference held on 14th May 1953 requesting the Government to construct an anicut across the Payaswami river at a place called Pankikallu, in Kasargod taluk, South Kanara district; and

(b) if so, what steps the Government have taken in the matter?

THE HON. RAJA SRI SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI :—" (a) Yes, Sir.

" (b) The proposal has been considered and found not technically and economically feasible."

Resolutions passed at the meeting of the Perambalur Taluk Elementary School Teachers' Federation.

* 1091 Q.—SRI K. R. VISWANATHAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to State—

(a) whether the Government have received a copy of the resolutions regarding revision of their pay and grant of certain concessions to improve their status passed at the meeting of the Perambalur Taluk Elementary School Teachers' Federation on 14th February 1954; and

(b) if so, the action taken thereon?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" (a) An unsigned printed copy was received.

" (b) No action was taken on it as Government do not take action on copies of resolutions, when they are not received in the form of a petition stating the grounds and circumstances of each case or at least with a covering letter."

The Feroke Commonwealth Trust Tile Factory, Malabar.

* 1092 Q.—SRI K. P. GOPAALAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Commissioner of Labour, Madras has received any memorandum, dated 15th February 1954, from one Sri M. Shanmugam, Secretary, The Feroke Commonwealth Trust Tile Workers' Union, Feroke, Malabar, stating that the Feroke Commonwealth Trust Tile Factory was closed on 14th January 1954 up to 20th January 1954 and workers did not get the lay-off benefit as per the Ordinance issued by the President of the Indian Union on 24th October 1953 regarding involuntary unemployment allowance; and

(b) if so, the action taken thereon?

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THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" (a) The Commissioner of Labour received copy of a letter addresed by the Union to the management.

" (b) The workers' Union is being advised that the workers may file claim petitions under the Industrial Disputes Act, 1947."

Hours of duty for male and female nursing orderlies in Ophthalmic Hospital, Madras.

* 1093 Q.—SRI K. P. GOPALAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state—

(a) whether it is a fact that the male and female nursing orderlies in the Ophthalmic Hospital, Madras, have to do duty for 22 hours at a stretch; and

(b) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" (a) No, Sir.

" (b) Does not arise."

Amount allotted to the Local Library Authority, Tanjore district, for 1952–53.

* 1094 Q.—SRI S. RAMALINGAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(a) the amount allotted to the Local Library Authority, Tanjore district, for the year 1952–53; and

(b) the amount spent by them?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" (a) It is presumed that the hon. Member refers to the Government contribution sanctioned under section 13 (3) of the Madras Public Libraries Act, 1948, to the Local Library Authority, Tanjore district, for the year, 1952–53. The amount so sanctioned for that year is Rs. 36,608–14–9.

" (b) The expenditure incurred by the Authority during 1952–53 is Rs. 11,059."

Satyagraha staged by the members of the Scheduled Castes Federation in North Arcot and Salem districts on 17th August 1953.

* 1095 Q.—SRI A. RATNAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Religious Endowments and Transport be pleased to state—

(a) whether the members of the Scheduled Castes Federation staged any satyagraha (picketing) in front of the schools run by the Director of Harijan Welfare in the districts of North Arcot and Salem on Monday, the 17th August 1953;

(b) how many members were picketing;

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(c) how many schools were picketed and whether boys and girls attended these schools on the morning of the 17th August 1953;

(d) whether the district organization of the Scheduled Castes Federation informed the school authorities, the Director of Harijan Welfare, the Collectors of North Arcot and Salem, the Police and the Ministers about the picketing of schools on the day and expressed their condemnation of the new scheme of elementary education; and

(e) how many persons were arrested on the day while they were picketing in front of the schools?

THE HON. SRI B. PARAMESWARAN :—" (a) Some of the schools were picketed in North Arcot district by members of the Scheduled Castes Federation on 17th August 1953. No Harijan Welfare school was picketed in Salem district by the members of the Federation on 17th August 1953.

" (b) Five to ten members were picketing in front of each of the schools picketed.

" (c) 48 schools. There was normal attendance in a few of the schools picketed, while in some the children did not attend for the whole day or part of the day in the morning.

" (d) Notice of the proposed picketing was received from the District Organization by the Collector, the District Welfare Officer and the Headmasters of the Harijan Welfare schools concerned.

" (e) Two."

SRI K. VINAYAKAM :—" May I know the reason why the members of the Federation picketed these institutions?" 10-20 a.m.

THE HON. SRI B. PARAMESWARAN :—" Perhaps they were picketing against the modified scheme of elementary education."

SRI K. VINAYAKAM :—" Is it not a fact that the grievances of the members of the Federation had nothing to do with the modified scheme of elementary education but were with regard to lack of adequate facilities regarding food, clothing and scholarships?"

THE HON. SRI B. PARAMESWARAN :—" I will have to ascertain the causes from the Secretary of the Federation who is seated by the side of the hon. Member himself."

Representation re. *punam cultivation in Malabar.*

* 1096 *Q*.—

MR. SPEAKER :—" We have finished 161 questions. There is a short-notice question given notice of by Mr. T. C. Narayanan Nambiar. It may be answered."

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" May I read the question Sir? It has been put by Sri T. C. Narayanan Nambiar—

(a) whether the Government have received recently any representation from the public and M.L.As. regarding poonam cultivation in Malabar; and

(b) if so, what action has been taken thereon?

The answer to clauses (*a*) and (*b*) is as follows :—

" (*a*) Yes, Sir.

(*b*) The Government have carefully considered the representations and have issued instructions that, where lands have been trespassed upon for poonam cultivation and actually been used for such cultivation for the last three or four years, efforts may be made to make them available to the peasants and the requisite permits under section 5 of the Madras Preservation of Private Forests Act may be issued expeditiously. The Government have also issued directions to the Collector to consult peasants wherever possible to find out whether the demand for poonam cultivation is genuine.' "

MR. SPEAKER :—" Questions over."

[*Note.*—**An asterisk (*) at the commencement of a speech indicates revision by the Member.**]

II.—ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE SPEAKER.

MESSAGES FROM THE COUNCIL.

MR. SPEAKER :—" I have to announce to the House the following messages, dated 18th May 1954, received from the Hon. Chairman, Madras Legislative Council :—

' (1) In accordance with rule 111 of the Madras Council Rules, I transmit a copy of the Madras Electricity Undertakings (Acquisition) Bill, 1954 (L.A. Bill No. 23 of 1954), as passed and agreed to by the Council on the 18th May 1954 without any amendment and signed by me. '

' (2) In accordance with rule 111 of the Madras Council Rules, I transmit a copy of the Madras Payment of Salaries and Removal of Disqualifications (Amendment) Bill, 1954 (L.A. Bill No, 24 of 1954); as passed and agreed to by the Council on the 18th May 1954 without any amendment and signed by me.'

' (3) I transmit a copy of the following motion passed to-day by the Madras Legislative Council concurring with the Madras Legislative Assembly in setting up a Joint Select Committee of both the Chambers to consider the Madras Hindu Religious and Charitable Endowments (Amendment) Bill, 1954 (L.A. Bill No. 27 of 1954) :—

' That this House concurs in setting up a Joint Select Cnmmittee of both the Houses consisting of 23 members (15 members of the Assembly and 8 members of the Council) to consider the Madras Hindu Religious and Charitable Endowments (Amendment) Bill, 1954 (L.A. Bill No. 27 of 1954), and that the following members of this House be selected to serve on such a Joint Select Committee :—

(1) The Hon. Sri M. Bhaktavatsalam.
(2) Sri T. G. Krishnamoorthi.
(3) Sri T. Purushothama Mudaliar.
(4) Sri C. Marudavanam Pillai.
(5) Sri T. M. Narayanaswami Pilla i.
(6) Sri M. P. Govinda Menon.
(7) Sri K. Bhashyam.
(8) Sri K. Balasubramania Iyer."

' (4) In accordance with rule 104 (1) of the Madras Council Rules, I have the honour to intimate that the amendment made by the Assembly in respect of the Courtallam Township Bill, 1954 (L.C. Bill No. 8 of 1954), was taken into consideration by the Council at its meeting held on the 18th May 1954 and that the Council has agreed to the amendment' "

III.—GOVERNMENT BILL.

THE MADRAS HINDU RELIGIOUS AND CHARITABLE ENDOWMENTS (AMENDMENT) BILL, 1954.

THE HON. SRI B. PARAMESWARAN :—" Sir, I move—

' *That the following fifteen members of this House be nominated to the Joint Select Committee appointed to consider the Madras Hindu Religious and Charitable Endowments (Amendment) Bill,* 1954 (*L.A. Bill No.* 27 *of* 1954) :—

1 *The Hon. Sri B. Parameswaran,*
2 *Sri A. Sambasivam,*
3 *Sri G. Govindan,*
4 *Sri T. Ananta Pai,*
5 *Sri T. V. Sannasi,*
6 *Sri S. Ramaswami Naidu,*
7 *Sri S. Venkatarama Ayyar,*
8 *Sri P. B. K. Rajachidambaram,*
9 *Sri M. Kalyanasundram,*
10 *Sri S. P. Thangavelu,*
11 *Sri N. Rathina Goundar,*
12 *Sri Mookkaiah Thevar,*
13 *Sri V. Sankaranarayana Menon,*
14 *Sri K. R. Viswanathan,*
15 *The Hon. Sri C. Subramaniam.*' "

MR. SPEAKER :—" The question is—

' That the following fifteen members of this House be nominated to the Joint Select Committee appointed to consider the Madras Hindu Religious and Charitable Endowments (Amendment) Bill, 1954 (L.A. Bill No. 27 of 1954) :—

1 The Hon. Sri B. Parameswaran,
2 Sri A. Sambasivam,
3 Sri G. Govindan,
4 Sri T. Ananta Pai,
5 Sri T. V. Sannasi,
6 Sri S. Ramaswami Naidu,
7 Sri S. Venkatrama Ayyar,
8 Sri P. B. K. Rajachidambaram,
9 Sri M. Kalyanasundram,
10 Sri S. P. Thangavelu,
11 Sri N. Rathina Goundar,
12 Sri Mookkaiah Thevar,
13 Sri V. Sankaranarayana Menon,
14 Sri K. R. Viswanathan,
15 The Hon. Sri C. Subramaniam.' "

The motion was put and carried.

IV.—GOVERNMENT MOTION.

MOTION UNDER RULE 22 (3) OF THE ASSEMBLY RULES.

* THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" Sir, I move—

' *That under rule 22 (3) of the Assembly Rules, the order of business be changed and that the statement* re *Modified Scheme of Elementary Education be taken up now.*'

Sir, I have already mentioned to the House that representations have been made to the Government by Sri Swayamprakasam and Sri Deivasigamany that the Non-conforming Marriages Bill need not be proceeded with at present and that they will consider the Bill further and make further representations in the matter. A Central Bill is also being considered in the Parliament now and perhaps it could be utilized for the purpose contemplated in this Bill. The Government have decided to postpone further consideration of the Bill and, if necessary, it could be taken up during the next session."

MR. SPEAKER :—" The question is—

' That under rule 22 (3) of the Assembly Rules, the order of business be changed and that the statement *re* Modified Scheme of Elementary Education be taken up now.' "

The motion was put and carried.

V.—DISCUSSION ON THE STATEMENT OF THE HON. MINISTER FOR EDUCATION REGARDING ELEMENTARY EDUCATION POLICY.

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" Sir, I move—

' *That the statement of the Hon. the Minister for Education made on 18th May 1954* re *the Modified Scheme of Elementary Education be taken into consideration.*' "

MR. SPEAKER :—" Motion moved—

10-30 a.m. ' That the statement of the Hon. the Minister for Education made on 18th May 1954 *re* the Modified Scheme of Elementary Education be taken into consideration.' "

SRI S. SWAYAMPRAKASAM :—" Sir, in regard to the Non-Conforming Marriages Bill, we have urged that certain other clauses also should be included in the Bill. Unless Government agree to include those also in the Bill, there is no use of postponing the consideration of the Bill. I would request Government to bring up the Bill again including in it the provisions we have asked for, at least in the next session positively."

SRI K. VINAYAKAM :—" Besides the representations received from friends like Sri Swayamprakasam and Sri Deivasigamany, several other Members of this House have urged upon the Hon. Chief Minister that the title of the Bill should be changed according to the circumstances prevailing in our State.

I want to know whether the Government would come forward at least in the next session with the necessary changes in the light of the representations they have received and not altogether drop or bring up the same Bill.''

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—'' It is not the intention of the Government to drop or bring up the same Bill. It is because representations have been made to us by Sri Swayamprakasam and Sri Deivasigamany, we have to postpone consideration of the Bill clause by clause. I do not think hon. Members will come in again and request postponement or dropping of the Bill in the next session also.''

MR. SPEAKER :—'' We are now on the next subject, viz., discussion on the statement made by the Hon. Minister for Education yesterday regarding the modified scheme of elementary education.

'' I will call the Hon. Minister to reply at 12 noon. Sri T. C. Narayanan Nambiar will now initiate the debate.''

SRI T. C. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR :—'' Mr. Speaker, Sir, after so many restless nights and after very careful consideration, the Hon. Minister for Finance and Education has given a statement on the floor of the House. I congratulate the heroic and wise people of our State who have consistently fought to see that this reactionary and anti-national modified scheme of elementary education, which was imposed quite undemocratically on the people of this State, is scrapped. Not only the teachers, not only the pupils, but the teachers, the pupils and the parents in the State all put together organized a united democratic resistance to the new elementary scheme of education and their united resistance has secured this victory. I do not find it necessary to go into the arguments that the Hon. Minister for Education has put forward. The Hon. Minister has himself said in his statement :

> ' In spite of the propaganda that we were able to do, it has not been possible to make the people as a whole accept it, even though there has been acceptance to a certain extent. '

Of course the education scheme would have had the acceptance of only some of the officers under the charge of the Hon. Minister and some other Ministers. The Hon. Minister himself admits in his statement :

> ' I am prepared to admit that we havs not been able to get that popular acceptance and that popular approval and popular co-operation which is necessary and which is essential for the success of any scheme.'

I say our glorious people because of their consistent and united fight against the scheme have taught a democratic lesson to the Hon. Minister and the Congress rulers. What is that democratic lesson? It is this and that is that unless and until you get the

co-operation of the people, unless you take the people into confidence, you cannot impose any scheme on the people. That is what the people, the glorious people of this State, have taught now. With regard to this elementary education scheme, many struggles have been fought. I know for example on the very day when the new elementary education scheme was introduced, the Malabar teachers said in unequivocal terms:

' It has become the unavoidable duty of the union to oppose and to organise public opinion in opposition to the new scheme which attempts to drive teachers out of employment by increasing the teacher-pupil ratio, which increases the physical and mental strain on teachers by lengthening their hours of work, which lowers the standard of education by shortening the hours of work and which puts an end to even the very limited manual training hitherto imparted in schools under the pretence of familiarising the pupils with their ancestral trades and also to the Parulekar report whose recommendations support the scheme or make it even more perilous.'

That was the stand taken by teachers generally. The protests from various other quarters were equally vehement. There was vehement opposition from everywhere. This Legislative Assembly, I mean this House, is the mirror of public opinion. As such, this Legislature has reflected correctly the popular opposition to the scheme. In this connection, I want to remind the House of one thing. There was opposition to the scheme from the public, from me, from the Communist Party and from other quarters, not because the scheme was introduced by some Brahmin. We are not interested in who introduced the scheme. On the other hand, we are interested in finding out what the scheme is and how it has to be implemented. We are interested in ' what ' and ' how ' and not in ' who '. This Assembly gave its verdict. One hundred and thirty legislators voted against the modified scheme of elementary education. Of course with the Speaker's vote, the motion that the new scheme be dropped was negatived by the House and the scheme was not dropped. Out of the 130 legislators who opposed the scheme, there was the hon. Member Sri V. R. Krishna Ayyar, who is a Brahmin. There was myself a non-Brahmin. There are the hon. Members Adityan, Vadivelu and Kunhan who opposed the scheme and who are Harijans. What does this indicate? It indicates the fact that it was not on who introduced the scheme, that the opposition to the scheme was based. But it was purely from the point of view of education, from the point of view of promoting the national interest. It was only with that prime view of promoting education we fought consistently for the scrapping of the new education scheme.

" The Hon. Minister has said in his statement that the new modified education scheme would be given up and the old education scheme which was in vogue till 31st May 1953 before the introduction of the new scheme, would be revived from 1st of June 1954 in all our elementary schools. It is here I am grieved. That is why, even though it was a victory, I say it is only a negative victory. It is only a partial victory. It is not because Rajaji introduced the new scheme, we opposed it. I have

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analysed the causes for our opposition, previously. Even our old system contains many defects. The old system was the creation of the Imperialists. It was the creation of the anti-Indian people. It was the creation of the colonizers and Macaulays. They wanted to see that our culture was suppressed. It was in 1835 that Macaulay, the Commissioner for Education during that period, said that an Englishman's library was more worthy than all the culture and education of Arabic and Indian people put together. It was with that conception that the old education system had been introduced here. We can very well see that in our educational system. That system has produced all these years only quill-drivers. That was not what we wanted. Our children were told stories of Casabianca. Of course, we want our children to have the patience, endurance and resourcefulness that Casabianca had. He did not leave his place when the fire was raging around him. But we are a nation, a free nation and functioning in a democracy. We want Prahladas and not Casabiancas. It is Prahladas that we want and not boys of slavish obedience. I myself was a teacher. Even to-day in our schools our children are taught the stories of children of Lapland and Eskimos. I want to point out one thing. We should inculcate in the minds of our students a feeling of nationalism. For instance, a Tanjore "payyan" should know that Tanjore is the gift of the Cauvery and not that Egypt is the gift of the Nile. Teaching the boy about foreign things alone as, that Egypt is the gift of the Nile, has no importance, as compared with the things that immediately surround the boy and about which he must possess intimate knowledge.

"I think all of us are agreed on one point and that is that education cannot be static. It is not changeless. It changes according to enviornment and also with the changes that occur in society. In the olden days, an elementary school teacher would have taught arithmetic in this way: if two coconuts could be got in exchange for four mangoes, for getting eight coconuts, how many mangoes have to be given? That indirectly teaches the pupils the barter system which was prevalent then. I visited an elementary school in Washermanpet in the Madras City. A sum that was given to the students of a class there was somewhat like this: If a milk-vendor purchases four measures of milk at one rupee four annas per measure, adds two measures of water and sells the milk at one rupee per measure, what is the profit that he makes out of the transaction? Such a sum indirectly teaches pupils that pouring of water in milk is a normal thing. That is the very source of blackmarketing, that is the very source of deceit and betrayal of the people. I say that elementary education is the very basis of all culture and education, and once we go wrong in it, everything else will go wrong. Our people are full of superstitions and we want to see that our young men are given such education as will inculcate in them a scientific outlook and make them good citizens. Are we able to do that under the present system? No. 10-40 a.m

It is a very wrong type of education. That is the reason why we oppose the old system and want it to be scrapped. I say the withdrawal of the new scheme is only a negative victory because, though the new scheme is given up, an improved type of education is not substituted in its place. We want a new scheme suited to the modern times. Of course the Hon. Minister said in his statement that a committee would be appointed to go into that question. In our State, more than 53 per cent of the children of school-going age do not attend any school. In the limited area where elementary education has been made compulsory, 150,000 prosecutions have been launched against the parents. Out of the 150,000 cases, according to a Government report 50 cases were tried and a fine of 10,000 rupees was levied. Some of the parents were not in a position to pay the fine. Why are the parents not sending their children to the school? Is it because they are unwilling? No. It is because of poverty and financial inability. Therefore, I say with all the emphasis at my command that in any scheme of elementary education evolved for the future, provision should be made for giving mid-day meal to school children. On a former occasion, I drew the attention of the Hon. Minister to a sentence in a report published by the Central Government that every pupil should be given a meal either brought from the home of the child or supplied by the school authorities. As in our State most of the parents are not in a position to give even one meal, it is the duty of the State to supply the school children with at least the mid-day meal. This morning a question about the request of the Kankole Panchayat Board came up before this House. A democratic panchayat rose to the occasion, purchased slates and books and gave them to the school children, and requested the Government to approve the expenditure. Here come the rulers with the sceptre and crown and say that they were not consulted and that they would not approve the expenditure. What is this democracy? This is a wonderful democracy!

"It was said by the Hon. Minister that the modified system of elementary education was introduced to provide craft training for the pupils. We are not against craft training. Education through some work or activity is a worthy ideal. But that was not the scheme that was introduced. A new argument has been given by the Hon. Minister which was not given previously, and that is that the contact of the children is maintained to improve the conduct and habit of craftsmen. The meaning of this is that the pupils are made the teachers of the craftsmen or parents. This is wonderful.

"The Hon. Minister in his funeral oration to the scheme delivered yesterday brought out so many points. But as the scheme itself is going to be withdrawn, I do not think it necessary to say more about it. But I want to point out that with regard to the new scheme that we are going to evolve, certain points have got

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to be observed. The first thing is that there should be pre-elementary-school institutions for children of two to five years of age. All educational experts have claimed that this is one of the pre-requisites of elementary education. Therefore I would request that some arrangements be made for opening these very necessary institutions at least in urban areas for the time being.

" The second thing is that elementary education should be made free, compulsory and universal. By ' free ' I mean that no fee should be charged for imparting elementary education. But that does not mean that rich people should not pay. I have got my own opinion about it and I will dilate upon that subject afterwards if I get time. All the children from six to fourteen years of age should be brought under instruction. The Hon. Minister said that this was one of the objects of the introduction of the shift system. In Travancore-Cochin State and also according to the statement of the Hon. Minister, in certain parts of the Bombay State, the shift system is in vogue. But the system that is prevailing there is not the system that is prevailing here. Here the same teacher is asked to work in both the shifts. One teacher should work only for one shift and he should handle only one class. To achieve this end, more teachers will have to be employed. Formerly, there was 25 hours, instruction per week; under the modified scheme, lesser hours instruction is given. I suggest that the number of working days can be increased. The pathetic elementary school teachers may be asked to work for six days instead of five. If this arrangement is adopted, the shift system can be adopted with one teacher to handle one class. Besides the introduction of the shift system, so many other things have to be considered. For want of time I am not going into them in detail. But one thing is quite essential. To-day elementary schools are so located that only the privileged section or some fortunate people can educate their children. I want an equitable distribution of elementary schools. There is the old theory among educationists that the child should go to the school. But I say that the school should go to the child. What I mean by this is that there should be an equitable distribution and the schools should be located in convenient centres. The Madras Government have adopted the standard that there should be at least one hundred pupils for opening a school. In certain areas, there will be natural barriers like 10-50 a.m. mountains, hills, rivers, lakes and ponds and the children in those areas may not have easy access to the school. In such places, schools should be opened. Apart from that, a sort of caste system is prevalent in elementary education. What is that caste system? Just as we have four categories in the *Varnashrama Dharma*, viz., Brahmins, Kshatriyas, Vysyas and Sudras we have also different categories of schools, Government schools, local board schools, panchayat schools and aided schools. This caste system should be abolished. With regard to money also, different boards have different rates of cesses, different municipalities have

different rates of cesses; different aided school agencies have also different revenues. We must pool together all these things. Government can tax the rich and get more money. What is the harm in taxing the rich? I ask with all seriousness, is there any hon. Member who is opposed to taxing the rich and seeing that all our children are given education. Is there any organisation, is there any particular parent, is there any students' organisation, is there any teachers' organisation who is opposed to taxing the rich? No, Sir. The hon. the Finance Minister yesterday pleaded that there is no money. It is not moneylessness, it is mindlessness.

"We attained Swaraj. We attained Independence. Why is it that the old imperialists did not make education free, universal and compulsory? Because they were under the impression that illiterate people can be swayed over, can be illusioned, can be made slaves easily. If all the people get enlightenment, if all the people get education, do you think, Sir, that some of our Hon Ministers can go to the peasantry and say 'You have no good crops for want of rain. If you want good crops, Government have no money and so, you pray to God. It is God that gives rain.' In our society where people are enlightened, where people have got scientific outlook, where people have got education and culture to that level, can the Hon. Ministers go and preach such ideals. No, Sir.

"Even in 1934, when there were disputes over the earthquake of Bihar, Rabindranath Tagore and the Father of our Nation, i.e., Gandhiji had some discourses with regard to that in the Press. Sir, only intellectuals can think of such things. When all the people get enlightenment, such illusions cannot stand. I feel, Sir, in this society, class interest is a hindrance. But we are in democracy. The prime task that confronts us to-day is to see that a democratic feeling for the successful working of democracy exists."

DEPUTY SPEAKER:—"The hon. Member has taken more time than was allotted to him."

SRI T. C. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR:—"I want five more minutes, Sir."

DEPUTY SPEAKER:—"It is not possible. I will give the hon. Member only two or three minutes."

SRI T. C. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR:—"With regard to text-books, I have to say, that there should be a text-book committee with representation to teachers. The text-book committee should be given the right to select the books and the books also should not be changed for 5 years. Not only that, the content, the form and everything should be looked into. Government should undertake the responsibility of publishing text-books at cheaper rates.

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"I want to say a word about teachers. It is said that teachers are not available. That is no argument, Sir. Unless the pay and status of the teachers are raised education will be a failure. Good teachers can be attracted only by giving good pay. I suggest that even in high schools pedagogy can be introduced. Now, teachers go to elementary schools because they do not get other jobs. If we introduce pedagogy in the Vth Form, then such of the students who have a liking for the profession will take to that and as soon as they come out of the schools, they can become teachers. Fight against illiteracy is a glorious national battle and without a well contented army of teachers this battle cannot be won. More Deputy Inspectors need not be appointed for the supervision of these schools. There should be democratic control over elementary schools and for that Educational Councils can be formed in the villages and on higher levels. The Divisional Inspector's office is a delaying post office in the Education Department. It is unnecessary to have an officer in between the District Educational Officer and the Director of Public Instruction. The Divisional Inspector's post is not required and I request the Hon. Minister to go into this question. One more request, I will make. Medical inspection will have to be introduced in elementary schools.

"If all these things are taken into consideration, with the co-operation of the legislators and parents we can have a committee consisting of legislators, educationists, representatives from teachers and training school Principals and such a committee, I hope, will produce a very good democratic scheme in the interest of the people."

DEPUTY SPEAKER:—"I have fixed a time-limit of 10 minutes for every speaker."

* SRI P. RANGASWAMI REDDIAR:—"Mr. Deputy Speaker, Sir, let me congratulate the present Government and the Hon. Minister for Education on their dropping this modified elementary education scheme respecting the wishes of the people. At last, the State has been rid of this nuisance and all controversies have been set at rest. Yesterday, the Hon. the Minister for Education made a lengthy statement about this. He might have simply contended himself with saying 'it has been dropped'. But he has raised many vital issues of far-reaching consequences. I would respectfully submit that his speech which is circulated among the hon. Members of this House really deserves to be preserved and scrutinized some 10 or 15 years hence, as the Hon. Minister has himself pointed out that the present juncture is not suitable either for working this modified elementary education scheme or to think of any changes in elementary education, as the Government have visualised.

"In July 1953, this House wanted the Government to suspend the modified education scheme and to appoint a committee to investigate into this question. The same thing has been done

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because, in some papers it is reported that it is only suspended and that after the recommendation of a committee to be appointed, it may be revived or it may be revived with some changes. Whatever the intention of the Government may be, for the present the controversy has been set at rest and we are really glad and we are very thankful for the same.

" At the outset, the Hon. the Minister for Education mentioned that many of our great educationists failed to grasp this change in the problem of education. If the great educationists could not understand or could not grasp this change in the field of education, what about the ordinary people? Therefore, misunderstanding or opposition, whatever name is given to it, was genuine and *bona fide* and people thought that this education was there more to ruin them than to promote their welfare.

" Several things have been pointed out here. I would like to draw the attention of the Hon. Minister for Education to one matter and I have also put a short notice question on that. Swami Chit Bavananda is one of the foremost educationists in the south. He is a great personality not believing in words, but in deeds. He is running an elementary school in Thiruparaithurai. He wrote to the District Educational Officer, Tiruchirappalli and I happened to go through the entire letter in a magazine. He had his own misgivings and suspicions even in 1953 June. Still, he decided to work the scheme and at last in the course of one year, he found that the modified elementary education scheme could not be worked successfully and he did not want to waste pupils' time and energy by this. Therefore, he definitely stated in that letter to the District Educational Officer that he was willing to hand over the entire assets, furniture, etc., connected with the elementary school to the Government and if the Government did not choose to take over the school, he would close it from the afternoon of 30th May 1954. It cannot be said that he is not one of the foremost educationists in the south. Such people who are in the educational field should be selected and changes should be introduced only on the recommendation of such people.

" About basic education, the Hon. Minister said that only a few schools had been converted into basic education schools, etc. I may be excused, if I say there is not only great confusion in the understanding of the scheme in the minds of the public, but there is also some confusion and also contradiction even in the minds of the Members of the Cabinet. The ex-Chief Minister said in a guide book issued by the Government. ' I am convinced that we should make use of the actual craftsmen who make a living by their work. The present scheme is based essentially on this conviction. The implementation of the basic education programme will in no way be adversely affected by the new scheme.' We are made to understand, I do not know whether I am correct, that this is simply converting schools into basic educational schools. But

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the ex-Chief Minister said that they are totally different and there would not be any conflict. Whatever it might be, Sir, the elementary education scheme as the Hon. Minister for Education put it, was introduced on two grounds, first on grounds of finance and then on grounds of providing education for all as required under the Constitution. So far as finance is concerned, the Hon. the Education Minister thinks that with the limited resources available, 50 per cent of the children can be educated and 50 per cent of them have to be stranded in the street. But I would put a question. In 1919 what was the percentage of children, i.e., the school-going children who were educated or whom the State educated? Then what was the state of affairs so far as finance is concerned and how in the course of 34 or 35 years, the percentage has reached fifty. In 1938, I remember—Subject to correction— the income of the State was about Rs. 16 crores. 1952, I think the income of the State increased to Rs. 50 or 55 crores. There has been a corresponding increase in expenditure on education also. Even if the present state of affairs is allowed to continue, in the course of 10 or 15 years, all the people could be educated. I do not mean to suggest for a moment that 50 per cent of the population who do not receive any education should not be taken care of. As soon as the finances of the State improve, by all means let us devote our attention to them. Till then, let them take their chance. What is the use of curtailing the school hours of the other 50 per cent of the children who attend schools now? By their attempt to take care of those who do not attend schools now, the entire population of school-going children will not be properly educated. Their attempt in this regard will only result in colossal waste of time and energy.

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" So far as craft training is concerned, it was not obligatory on the part of the pupils to learn any craft and the teachers cannot force the students to learn some craft or other. I would like to draw the attention of the Hon. Minister to the fact that we do not go to a piecegoods shop to get grocery nor to a grocery shop to get piecegoods. There should be some intellectual training in schools. There should be some schools where pupils can get intellectual training. If the Government want to give craft-training, by all means let them open schools where the pupils can get craft-training. If they say that they want to give intellectual as well as craft-training in one and the same school for the same set of pupils on the same day, it is not convincing. So long as the present conditions exist, as the Hon. Minister has pointed out, there will be a hunt for white collar jobs. Every parent, the moment he sends his boy or girl to an elementary school, wants that his boy should become a Gazetted Officer or an I.A.S. Officer or his daughter should become an Inspectress of Schools and all that. So, it is only a legitimate aspiration on the part of a parent. Why is there such an aspiration? Is it possible to provide jobs for all of them in Government service? It is absolutely impossible. Where does the defect lie? Surely, it does not lie in the entertainment of such

a high aspiration—I would like to call it by that term—on the part of the parents. There is so much rush and competition even for a small post like that of Sub-Registrar. The moment such posts are advertised, a number of Graduates apply for these posts. A number of Secondary School-Leaving Certificate holders apply even for the post of a peon. On the other hand, these people, who are willing to work even as peons, are not prepared to go and work in the fields along with the farmers. Nobody comes forward to take to agriculture. Why these people refuse to take up other jobs and why they refuse to go to the rural parts is worth examining. So long as there is a possibility of earning more with minimum labour or without any labour, this temptation for white-collar jobs --as the Hon. Minister calls it—would be there. In this connexion, I only wish to refer to a certain observation made by the Hon. Minister in his statement yesterday. Let me make it plain that I have no prejudice against anybody. In the course of his statement yesterday, the Hon. Minister said, 'Further my own hope was that it should be possible for children belonging to the so-called higher castes for example, the Brahmans, to learn a cobbler's job and to that extent this caste system which was based on the avocation carried on by particular persons would go and the professions or avocations as such will not have any dishonour or disgrace attached to them.' In all humility and modesty, I want to put this question to the Hon. Minister for Education. During the one year of the working of the modified scheme of elementary education, has one single parent belonging to the Brahman community come forward requesting any educational institution to train his boy for a cobbler's job or a barber's job or a washerman's job? I do not attach any indignity to all these jobs. So far as the present system continues, I challenge the Government that nobody would come forward to take up these jobs which are not considered by society as dignified. No fool in the world will come forward to take up these jobs because of the stigma attached to them and because of poor payment. I am referring to this matter as the Hon. Minister has made a mention of Brahmans. As a matter of fact, even persons belonging to the so-called other higher castes would not come forward to take up these jobs. We cannot find any elementary school teacher to train these boys and girls for these professions or avocations mentioned by the Education Minister. In conclusion I wish to offer my congratulations to the Government on their taking this bold step setting at rest all controversey. I request the Government to go into this question thoroughly by appointing a Committee, and bring forward a very suitable measure agreeable to all sections of the House and beneficial to all in this State."

11-05 a.m. **Sri P. JEEVANANDAM** :—" கனம் தலைவர் அவர்களே, கடைசியாக சர்வ பகுதி மக்களாலும் வெறுக்கப்பட்டு, எதிர்ப்புக்கு இரையான கல்வித் திட்டம் ஒழிக்கப்பட்டது என்று கனம் கல்வி அமைச்சர் அவர்கள் அறிக்கை விடுத்தது சந்தோஷத்திற்குரியது. இங்கே இந்த மாதிரி இந்தக் கல்வித் திட்டத்தை வாபஸ் வாங்கத் தகுந்த ஒரு சிறந்த சூழ்நிலையை உருவாக்கிய எல்லாப் பகுதி மக்களையும் இந்தத் தருணத்தில் நான் பாராட்ட

வேண்டியவனாக இருக்கின்றேன். எல்லாக் கட்சிக்காரர்களும் இந்தப் பாராட்டுதலுக்குரியவர்கள்—காங்கிரஸ் தரப்பினர் உட்பட—சகல பகுதி மக்களும், மாணவர்கள், பெற்றோர்கள், ஆசிரியர்கள், இன்னும் பல கல்விமான்கள் ஆகிய எல்லாப் பகுதி மக்களும் இந்தப் பாராட்டுதலுக்கு உரியவர்கள் என்பதை நான் இங்கே கூறுவதற்கு விரும்புகிறேன்.

"அதோடு மட்டுமல்ல. இன்னும் இதைவிட அதிகமாகப் பாராட்டத்தகுந்த நிலைமையில் கல்வித்திட்டத்தை வாபஸ் வாங்கிய ஜனசக்தி இருக்கிறதே, அதைப் போற்றுகிறேன். அதையும் சபையின் கவனத்திற்குக் கொண்டு வரவேண்டும்.

"இந்த அறிக்கையை வெளியிட்ட கனம் கல்வி அமைச்சர் அவர்கள், அந்த அறிக்கையில் தன்னுடைய கருத்தைப் புகுத்தியபோது, புதிய கல்வித்திட்டம் என்று அழைக்கப்பட்ட அந்தத் திட்டத்தை வாபஸ் வாங்கியிருக்கிறாரேயொழிய, அந்தத் திட்டத்தினுடைய தகுதியுடைமையை (merit) அவர் வாபஸ் வாங்கவில்லை. அந்தத் திட்டத்தைப் புகுத்திய விதத்தையும் அவர் வாபஸ் வாங்கவில்லை. புகுத்திய விதத்தையும் சரி என்று சொல்லுகிறார். கல்வித் திட்டமும் பொருத்தமானது என்று சொல்லுகிறார். அதேசமயத்தில், 'பொதுஜனங்கள் இதை ஒப்பவில்லை; அங்கீகரிக்கவில்லை; இதற்கு ஒத்துழைக்கவில்லை; அப்படி பொதுஜனங்களுடைய ஒத்துழைப்பு இல்லாத எந்தத் திட்டமும் வெற்றிபெறமுடியாது; எனவே நான் இதை வாபஸ் வாங்குகிறேன்' என்றும் சொல்லியிருக்கிறார். பொதுஜனங்கள் ஒத்துழைப்பின்மையால்தான் நான் இதை வாபஸ் வாங்குகிறேன், புகுத்தினது சரி என்றும் சந்தர்ப்பத்திற்குத் தகுந்தமாதிரி அவர் கூறுகிறார். அவர் அவருடைய இடத்தில்தான் நிற்கிறார். அதைத்தான் நான் இப்பொழுது கூற விரும்புகிறேன். இவ்வளவு கடுமையான ஆத்ம சோதனைக்குப் பின்னும்—ரொம்ப ஆத்ம சோதனைக்குள்ளாகிவிட்டதாக அவரே சொல்லியிருக்கிறார்—தனக்கு உயிர்க் கொள்கை மாதிரி இருக்கக் கூடிய கொள்கையை, அதாவது இந்தத் திட்டத்தை, அவர் வாபஸ் வாங்குகிறார் என்றால் அது பொதுஜனங்களுடைய வெற்றியைத்தான் காட்டுகிறது.

"முழு மூச்சோடு இந்தத் திட்டத்தை வற்புறுத்தியவன் நான் தான் 11-10 a.m.
என்று அவரே கூறுகிறார். இந்தத் திட்டத்தினுடைய கர்த்தாவாகிய ஞான சூரியன் என்று சுய போதையில் சிலந்தி வலைக்குள் புகுந்துகொண்டு அதையே ஒரு உலகமாக சிருஷ்டித்து அதில் ஒருவன் என்று நினைத்து இருக்கக்கூடிய ஸ்ரீமான் ராஜகோபாலாச்சாரியாருடைய முதல் மாணவராக இருக்கக்கூடிய கனம் ஸ்ரீ சுப்பிரமணியம் அவர்கள் கல்வி அமைச்சராக இருந்து, 'பொதுமக்களுடைய கிளர்ச்சியினால், அந்தக் கிளர்ச்சியின் வெற்றியினால், அவர்கள் ஒத்துழைக்காததனால், அவர்கள் வேண்டாததால் நான் இதை வாபஸ் வாங்குகிறேன்' என்று சொல்லத் தகுந்த வாய்ப்பு இந்தச் சபையில் கிடைத்திருக்கிறதென்றால், இதற்குக் காரணமாக உள்ள ஜன சக்தியை நாம் பாராட்டாமல் இருக்கமுடியாது என்று இங்கு குறிப்பிட விரும்புகிறேன்.

"இன்னும் நான் இருளில் தட்டுத் தடுமாறிக்கொண்டு இருக்கிறேன் என்று கூறுகிறார், தனிப்பட்ட முறையில், தனி நபர் என்ற முறையில். ஆனால், இந்த ராஜ்யத்தின் கல்வி அமைச்சர் என்ற தோரணையில் திரிகரணசுத்தியுடன் ஒத்துழைக்கத்தயாராய் இருக்கிறேன் என்று சொல்லுகிறார். ஆகவே, இரண்டு விதத்தில் சொல்லியிருக்கிறார். கல்வித்திட்டத்தைப் பொறுத்தவரை இதை வாபஸ் வாங்கினதில் தான் தட்டுத் தடுமாறிக் கொண்டு இருளில் இருப்பதாகச் சொல்லுகிறார். அதே சமயத்தில், 'நான் திரிகரணசுத்தியுடன் ஒத்துழைத்து மக்களுடைய திட்டத்தை முன்னேற்றவேண்டும்.' என்று சொல்லி அதையும் செய்வதற்குத் தயாராய் இருப்பதாகவும் சொல்கிறார். இது நமக்குப்புரியாத கஷ்டமாக இருக்கிறது என்பதைச் சொல்லாமல் இருக்க முடியவில்லை. கடுமையான ஆத்மசோதனை

செய்யக்கூடிய இதே இடத்தில் இருந்துகொண்டே திரிகரண சுத்தியுடன் தன்னுடைய வேலையைச் செய்யப் போகிறேன் என்பதையும் நான் இந்தச் சந்தர்ப்பத்தில் குறிப்பிடவிரும்புகிறேன்.

"அவருடைய அறிக்கையில் இரண்டு அம்சங்களைக் குறிப்பிடுகிறார். கல்வித்திட்டம் என்று சொல்லும்போது தேசீயத் திட்டம் என்று கவனத் திற்குக் கொண்டு வருகிறார். தேசீயத் திட்டத்தில் பொதுமக்கள் ஒத் துழைப்பு வேண்டும் என்பதை மந்திரி அவர்கள் அறியாதது அல்ல. கல்வி நிபுணர்கள் என்று சொல்லும்போது பெரும்பாலான கல்வி நிபுணர் கள் சொல்வது அப்படியானால், புதிய கல்வித்திட்டத்திற்கு எதிர்ப்பாய் இருந்தவர்கள் சென்ற கால கண்ணோட்டத்தை வைத்துக்கொண்டு இன் றைக்கு சர்க்கார் பொறுப்பாக நடக்கமுடியும் என்று கூறுகிறார்.

"கல்வித்திட்டம் வருகிறபோது, இந்தக் கல்வித்திட்டம் சர்வஜன கல்வித்திட்டம் (**Universal Education**) எல்லோருக்கும் கல்வி கொடுக்க வேண்டும், **Right type of education** கொடுக்க வேண்டுமென்று கூறுகிறார். (கனம் மந்திரி அவர்கள் **merit** அதாவது தகுதியுடைமையைத்தான் கவ னத்தில் வைத்துச் சொல்கிறார். மக்களுடைய பாதையாக விளங்கவில்லை.) சரியான கல்வித்திட்டம் வேண்டுமென்று கூறுகிறார். எல்லோருக்கும் கல்வி கொடுக்கவேண்டுமென்று கூறுகிறார். இன்றைக்கு 22,138 பள்ளிக்கூடங் கள் இருந்தபோதிலும், 100-க்கு 50 பிள்ளைகளுக்குத்தான் கல்வி கொடுக்க முடிகிறது என்றும், இன்னும் 50 சதவிகிதமுள்ள குழந்தைகளுக்கும் கல்வி கொடுக்கவேண்டுமென்று சொன்னால், அதற்கு மேற்கொண்டு 6 கோடி ரூபாய் வேண்டும் என்றும் அவர் சொல்லுகிறார். அவர் கூறியதில் இரண்டைத்தான் கவனிக்கவேண்டும் : ஒன்று கல்வியினுடைய உள்ளடக்கம் (**Content**). மற்றொன்று அதற்கான செலவு—பொருளாதாரம். பொரு ளாதாரம் என்று சொல்லும்போது அமைச்சர் கண்ணோட்டத்தை எடுத்துக் கொள்ளவேண்டும். பொருளாதாரத்துக்கு வேறு வழி கிடையாது. ஆத லினால் இந்த 'ஷிப்ட் முறை' கொண்டுவரப்படுகிறது, என்று அவர் கூறுகிறார். அப்படிக் கூறிவிட்டு 'ஒரு சிலருக்கு மட்டும் கல்வி கொடுப்ப தோடு நிற்காமல் பெரும்பாலோருக்கு கல்வி கொடுப்பதற்காகத்தான் இந்தத் திட்டம் கொண்டு வரப்பட்டது என்று கூறுகிறார்.

"நான் என்ன கேட்க விரும்புகிறேன் என்றால் : மிச்சம் இருக்கக் கூடிய 50 சதவிகிதமுள்ள பிள்ளைகளுக்குப் படிப்பு சொல்லித் தருவது இருக்கட்டும். பள்ளிக்கூடங்கள் இருக்கின்றனவே, இருக்கிற இடத்தில் அங்கு உள்ள பிள்ளைகள் பள்ளிக்கூடத்திற்குப் போகின்றார்களா ? போகாவிட் டால், ஏன் அவர்கள் போகவில்லை ? பொருளாதாரம்தான் அதற்குக் காரணம். மந்திரி அவர்களுடைய அறிக்கையில் நெஞ்சு உருகுகிறது. ஏழை மக்களுடைய குழந்தைகள் சமுதாயத்தில், நம்முடைய ராஜ்யத்தில் பெருவாரியாக இருக்கிறார்கள். அவர்கள் பள்ளிக்கூடச் சூழ்நிலையை அனு மதிக்கவில்லை என்று ஒப்புக்கொள்ளும்போது, உள்குரல் 'கூடாது, கூடாது' என்று கரையின் உச்சிமேல் நின்று கூவுகிறது. ஆனால், அதே சமயத்தில் நான் என்ன சொல்லுகிறேன் என்றால், ஏழ்மை இருக்கும்போது, வேலை யில்லாத் திண்டாட்டம் இருக்கும்போது, பிச்சைக்காரத்தனம் இருக்கும் போது, கிடைப்பது போதாது என்று இருக்கும்போது, இப்படியெல்லாம் இருக்கும்போது, தன்னுடைய அருமையாக வளர்த்த பெண்ணை சாணி பொருக்கிக்கொண்டுவர அனுப்பிக்கொண்டு, முருகனை மாடு மேய்க்க அனுப் பும்போது, பக்கத்திலுள்ள அடுத்த ஊரில் பள்ளிக்கூடத்திற்கு அனுப்ப முடியவில்லை என்ற நிலை இருக்கின்றது, (கனம் அங்கத்தினர் பேசுவ தற்கு அனுமதிக்கப்பட்ட நேரம் நெருங்குகிறது என்பதை கனம் சபாநாயகர் அறிவித்தார்) ஆகவே, நான் விஷயத்தை விவரிக்க விரும்பவில்லை. சுருக்க மாக முடித்துக் கொள்ளுகின்றேன்.

"காரணங்கள் சரியல்ல. அனுமதிக்கக் கூடாது என்று சொல்லும் போது பல சந்தர்ப்பங்களில் நம்முடைய சர்க்காருக்கு, கல்வியை எந்த முறையில் மக்களுக்கு அளிக்கவேண்டும் என்றும், மாகாணத்தில் இருக்கக்

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கூடிய பிள்ளைகளுக்கெல்லாம் எப்படி அளிக்கமுடியும் என்பதையும் பல சந்தர்ப்பத்தில் காட்டியிருக்கிறோம் என்பதை அவருடைய கவனத்திற்குக் கொண்டுவருகிறேன். ஆகையால், கொடுக்கவேண்டிய கல்வி நம்முடைய நாட்டுக்குப் பெருவாரியான விவசாயக் குழந்தைகளுக்குக் கொடுக்கவேண்டுமென்றால் விஞ்ஞான ரீதியாக, நம்முடைய நாடு விவசாய நாடு என்பதைக் கவனத்தில்வைத்து நவீன கண்ணோட்டத்தைக் கவனத்தில் வைத்து, அதே நேரத்தில் நம்முடைய கைத்தொழில், தொழிற்சாலை சிறந்த நாட்டுக்கு இருக்கவேண்டுமென்று நமக்கு விஞ்ஞானத் துறையில் கல்வி கொடுக்க வேண்டும். தேசபக்தியை வள்ர்க்கக்கூடியதாகவும், தொழில் வளர்ச்சி ஏற்படக்கூடியதாகவும் கல்வி இருக்கவேண்டுமென்று நான் கேட்டுக்கொள்கிறேன். இந்தப் பழைய கல்வித் திட்டத்தைப்பற்றியே திருப்திப் படுகிறவர்கள் பலர் இருக்கிறார்கள். புதிய கல்வித் திட்டத்தை எதிர்த்தார்கள் என்று கூறினால், பழைய கல்வித்திட்டம் நீடித்துஇருக்க வேண்டும் என்பதற்காக அல்ல. அப்படி இதற்கு வாதம் கற்பிக்கக்கூடாது. இன்றைக்கு நண்பர்கள் யாரும் அப்படிப் பேசக்கூடாது. சர்க்கார்த் தரப்பிலும், இந்தக் கல்வித்திட்டம் ஒழிந்தாலும் நம்முடைய நாடு இன்றைக்கு வளர்ந்துவரும் நிலைமைக்கேற்ப ஒரு ஜனநாயக தேசிய கல்வித்திட்டம் வேண்டுமென்பதில் இரண்டு வித அபிப்பிராயம் இல்லை. கனம் கல்வி அமைச்சர் அவர்களுடைய அறிக்கையிலும் அந்தக் கருத்து இருக்கிறது. அதை நாம் கவனத்திற்கொண்டு, எந்தத் திட்டம் கொண்டுவந்தாலும் கட்சிகளை மறைத்து, பொதுமக்களுடைய அபிப்பிராயத்தை மறைத்து, போகிற போக்கில் சென்று போய்விடாமல், இப்பொழுது ஏற்பட்ட சிக்கல்களெல்லாம் இனியும் ஏற்படாமல், பொதுமக்கள், ஆசிரியர்கள், பெற்றோர்கள், கல்விமான்கள், கட்சித் தலைவர்கள் ஆகிய எல்லோருடைய அபிப்பிராயங்களையெல்லாம் கவனத்தில் வைத்துக்கொண்டு அவர்களுடைய அபிப்பிராயத்தைத் தாராளமாகப் பெற்று புதியதொரு கல்வித்திட்டத்தைக் கொண்டுவரவேண்டுமென்று கேட்டுக் கொள்வதோடு, அதுவும் வெகு சீக்கிரமாகவே வரவேண்டுமென்றும் கேட்டுக் கொண்டு என்னுடைய வார்த்தையை முடித்துக் கொள்ளுகின்றேன்.''

Sri K. M. SEETHI SAHIB :—'' May I make a request to you, Sir? Mr. Deputy Speaker, I may be permitted to speak some time later, as I am not yet ready to speak.''

DEPUTY SPEAKER :—'' Some time later? That means not to-day, as the Debate will be concluded by 12–30. The Hon. Minister will be called upon to reply at 12. So, the hon. Member can speak even now.''

Sri K. M. SEETHI SAHIB :—'' Yes, Sir. 11 20 a.m.

'' Mr. Deputy Speaker, Sir, I regret I do not find my way to congratulate the Government on the decision that they have taken with regard to the Modified Scheme of Elementary Education. Sir, the reasons given for the introduction of the modified scheme are so compelling that the continuance of the scheme was the only conclusion which one could arrive at from the reasoning which the Madras Government gave in the matter while introducing this scheme.

'' Sir, as a matter of fact, the merits of the scheme have been appreciated not only in this State, but in neighbouring States and in distant States like the East Punjab and similar other States where they are giving serious consideration to the idea of introducing this scheme in their own States. When that is the appreciation which

the scheme is having, it is a tragedy that the Madras Government was compelled to abandon the scheme even 'without giving it a fair trial.' It is not a wise or discreet policy for the Government to follow, launching a scheme one fine morning and then giving it up the next morning. As a matter of fact, in introducing any new scheme, there is a lot of unsettling of the old order of things and when that unsettling has been effected, to say the very next day that we have to revert to the old order of things by giving up the new scheme will be driving the people to a state where there will be absolute uncertainty in regard to the solution of some of the vital problems affecting them.

"Sir, I respectfully submit that in this matter, it is really an irony of fate that the Congress Legislature Party, on account of internecine quarrels and squabbles in the Party itself, was compelled to give up the scheme which it was hugging till the other day and is now reverting to the old order of things, giving the consolation that they are going to appoint a Committee to examine the question *de novo*. As a matter of fact, the appointment of a committee was made by this Government and all kinds of considerations were given to the new elementary education scheme by that committee and recommendations were made by that committee for rectifying some of the defects in the working of the scheme. The Government have been doing their best to popularize the scheme; teachers and the general public were gradually reconciling themselves to the scheme and there was appreciation in different parts of the State and outside for this scheme.

"From the very beginning, the Communist Party have been opposing this scheme and parties sponsored and inspired by the Communist Party have been opposing this scheme. I can very well understand all that. But it is regrettable that the Government should have given up the scheme on account of all this opposition.

"Sir, the two evident benefits of the scheme are: first, the multiplication of the number of children educated by the double shift; that is, where we could ordinarily educate only 50 children, under the scheme, we could educate 100 children and that is a fact which cannot be gainsaid and it is a great advantage in the matter of liquidation of illiteracy in the State. This could have been achieved by the scheme. Secondly the idea of the scheme was to give a vocational bias to the young children even in the elementary stage, so that when they become fully educated they will not be averse to take to any industry, trade or job instead of going about hunting for employment in Government offices or in quasi-Government organizations and institutions. So the obvious advantage of this scheme was to abolish illiteracy and also to solve the problem of the educated unemployed which is becoming a serious problem in our State. When these advantages are obvious and patent as far as this modified scheme is concerned, it is really a travesty of truth to say that this scheme is going to ruin the country and perpetuate caste distinctions and cast prejudices.

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" Sir, I respectfully submit that, in a State like the East Punjab, there is no question of caste or creed as we are having here. When such a State should think of following this scheme, why should we not? The shift system is not a novel system and the advantages of it are well-known.

" Therefore, I feel, I submit, Sir, that the Government instead of succumbing to the pressure that was brought to bear upon them by the Congress Legislature Party should have bravely pursued the scheme and if they had only tried if for a couple of years, we would have certainly seen the wonderful results produced by that scheme. Even critics of the scheme would have by then become admirers and votaries of the scheme when those results are achieved. In this view of the matter, I feel extremely sorry that the Government should abandon the scheme. My only request to the Government is that this might be a temporary aberration on their part and the time will not be far off when the Modified Scheme of Elementary Education, with the errors, if any, in it rectified, will be re-introduced in this State and the State will have the benefit of that most laudable and beneficient scheme."

Dr. K. B. MENON :—" Hon. Deputy Speaker, Sir . . ."

Sri M. KALYANASUNDRAM :—" On a point of order. Sir, கனம் உதவி சபாநாயகர் அவர்களே, எதிர்க் கட்சியில் இருக்கக்கூடிய அங்கத்தினர்களையே பேச அழைக்கின்றீர்களே. சர்க்கார் கட்சியிலிருந்து பேசுவதற்கு யாருமே முன்வரவில்லையா என்பதை அறிய விரும்புகிறேன்."

DEPUTY SPEAKER :—" சர்க்கார் கட்சியிலிருந்து யாரும் பேசுவதற்கு முன் வரவில்லை. அதனால்தான் எதிர்க் கட்சிக்காரர்களையே பேச அழைக்கிறேன்."

Dr. K. B. MENON :—" Mr. Deputy Speaker, Sir, the statement that was made by the Hon. Minister for Education yesterday is a clean, clear and lucid exposition of the case. He has made a clean breast of himself and has unreservedly placed all the facts before the House, including his own personal reactions. It is unfortunate, however, that the House has been called upon to share in the last rites, the House having had no opportunity or no hand or no share in the framing of the scheme itself. (The Hon. Sri C. Subramaniam : ' The Government took the decision. And you wanted the debate.') Well, I am afraid it is wrong procedure that the House was not taken into confidence either while introducing the scheme or while dropping the scheme. It is not helpful in setting up good precedents for an infant Democracy. The Hon. Minister in the course of his statement said as an explanation for this that his predecessors never consulted the House on similar occasions. I would like to tell the Hon. Minister that many wrongs never make one right and that it was obviously the privilege of the House to have had a discussion and that the failure to do it earlier has contributed largely to the misunderstanding that has caused the dropping of the scheme now.

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" Apart from this, the Hon. Minister, I suppose, will concede that this was *the* most important sweeping change that has been effected in elementary education since the Act of 1920. Of course, the proposal of Basic Education is there, but that has not gone beyond the proposal stage and I do not believe that in the near future it will be possible even for the Government to implement that scheme in full. The Hon. Minister in his statement regretfully stated that out of the 22,000 or more schools in the State, only a little more than 700 are Basic Schools.

" As far as the Modified Scheme of Elementary Education is concerned, it was introduced over-night all over the State in the 22,000 schools and the shift system was made to be worked immediately. That came as a bolt from the blue to the parents, to the people, to the teacher and the taught. Naturally, it roused a barrage of opposition inside and outside the House, both on the merits of the scheme and also in the way in which it was initiated. The Hon. Minister in the course of his statement expressed his undying faith and confidence in the efficacy and efficiency of the scheme. I am doubtful whether he has facts to prove that the scheme is efficacious and efficient. In spite of the propaganda and the publicity that the scheme has received, the Government have not been able to prove the one simple fact that there has been an increase in the number of boys and girls attending the schools during the time the Modified Scheme of Elementary Education has been working—and the time that the Scheme was in working has not been very small, for, it has been there for one academic year. The taste of the pudding is in the eating and the acid test of a scheme is in its results. One test for this scheme is increase in the number of children in the schools. Are the Government able to prove that now? I do not think so. So, naturally, a decent burial has been given to the whole scheme.

" The question is, ' What next ? That question, the Hon. Minister himself pertinently posed in his statement and said that we go back to the old system. The general adage is ' old order changeth yielding place to the new ', but here we are seeing the reverse of it. We are going back to the old system. Now, is the old system satisfactory? There again, the Hon. Minister has said that it is not satisfactory and that he is going to appoint a Committee to go into the whole question of elementary education. I do not wish to go into details or into all the criticisms with regard to the old system. I hope, since it is a question of education and it is a question of primary education, that the Government will give ample time and thought to the problem and to the Committee and place the findings of the Committee before the House and give the House ample opportunity to discuss the subject before taking a decision.

11-30 a.m.

" Before I conclude, I wish to make one more point and that is with regard to finance. The Hon. the Minister for Education in his statement gave a good account of the financial implications

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of the whole problem of Education both from the point of view of the State and from the point of view of the Union. I am inclined to think that it is an understatement. The financial implications of the scheme are very heavy but whatever be the cost the nation and its people have to make sacrifices because it is a question of education of the little kids who are after all the wealth of the nation. In this connection, I would like to quote again the Union Finance Minister and tell our Finance Minister here that money is not the problem but organization is the problem. When there is organization, I believe money will be forthcoming. We have insurance for unemployment; we have insurance for health and insurance is a method of sharing responsibility and sharing the burden when the State alone is not in a position to shoulder the whole responsibility. It is the duty of the people to do it. Sir, even though taxation may be very unpopular, I believe that taxation particularly for education would be welcome, if an assurance that the whole proceeds of it will be entirely earmarked for the education of our children. Then there will be better response and less resentment on the part of the people. I therefore, suggest that the State invent a kind of education insurance whereby the responsibility can be thrown on the people, on the parents and on the State. What the details of the scheme are I am unable to give now. That is the only suggestion that I can make now to solve the problem of finance."

Sri S. SWAYAMPRAKASAM :—"கனம் உதவி சபாநாயகர் அவர்களே, இன்றையதினம் மக்கள் விரும்பாத, மக்களால் வெறுக்கப்பட்ட கல்வித்திட்டத்தை கைவிட்டேன் என்று கல்வி மந்திரி அவர்கள் சபையில் கூறியதாவது மிகவும் வரவேற்கத் தகுந்ததாகும். ஆயினும் அதற்கு அவர் கூறிய காரணம் சிறிதும் பொறுத்த மில்லையென்பதைச் சுட்டிக் காட்டாமலிருக்க முடியாது. இந்தக் கல்வித்திட்டமானது ஒரு கல்வி நிபுணரால் தயாரிக்கப்பட்டது அல்ல. அந்தக் கல்வித்திட்டத்தைப் பலாத்காரமாக இந்த ராஜ்யத்தில் புகுத்தினாரே தவிர அவர் கல்வி நிபுணர்களைக் கலந்து கொண்டு அந்தத் திட்டத்தைக் கொண்டுவரவில்லை. இது எல்லோருக்கும் நன்றாகத் தெரியும். சில தினங்களுக்கு முன்னால் இந்தக் கல்வித் திட்டத்தைப்பற்றி அரசியலார் கொண்டுள்ள கருத்து என்னவென்று கேட்கிற காலத்தில் கல்வி மந்திரி அவர்கள் இந்தக் கல்வித் திட்டத்தை கைவிடுவது சர்க்காரின் முடிவு என்று சொல்லியிருந்தால் அது ரொம்பவும் வரவேற்கத் தக்கதாக இருந்திருக்கும். நேற்றும் கூட ஒரு 35 நிமிஷ நேர பிரசங்கத்திற்குப் பின்னரே நான் எதிர்பார்த்த, இந்தச் சபை அங்கத்தினர்கள் எல்லாம் எதிர்பார்த்த, இந்த மாகாணத்து மக்கள் எல்லாம் ஆவலோடு எதிர்ப்பார்த்த ஒரு விஷயத்தை, அதாவது இந்தக் கல்வித்திட்டத்தைக் கைவிட்டேன் என்ற சொல்லை கனம் மந்திரி அவர்கள் சொன்னார்கள். அன்றைக்கே, சர்க்கார் இந்தக் கல்வித்திட்டத்தைக் கைவிடுவதென்றால் இதன் மீது விவாதம் எதுவும் வேண்டாமென்று சொன்னேன். இந்தக் கல்வித்திட்டத்தைக் கைவிட்டோம் என்று மாத்திரம் சொல்லியிருந்தாரானால் இன்றைக்கு விவாதமே தேவைப்பட்டிருக்காது. அதற்கு மாறாக கனம் மந்திரி அவர்கள் பேச்சிலிருந்து எதுவும் தெளிவாகவே புலப்படவில்லை. "இந்தக் கல்வித்திட்டம் உபயோகமற்றது. நாட்டு மக்களுக்கு நலன் அளிக்கக் கூடியது அல்ல", என்றெல்லாம் இந்த மாகாண கல்வி நிபுணர்களும், பெற்றோர்களும், பொதுமக்களும் சொல்லி வருகிறார்கள். அதை லட்சியம் செய்யாது, இந்தக் கல்வித்திட்டம் தான் உயர்வானது, மிகவும் நன்மை கொடுக்கக் கூடியது, என்றெல்லாம் சொல்லிவிட்டு

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அதாவது மக்களின் அபிப்பிராயத்தை நான் ஏற்க முடியாது என்பதைப் போலச் சொல்லிவிட்டு இப்போது இதைச் சர்க்கார் கைவிட்டது. இருந்தாலும் ஒரு கமிட்டியை நியமித்து இதைப் பரிசீலனை செய்யும். அக்கமிட்டியின்சிபார்சு களையும் கூட ஒப்புக்கொள்ளும் என்று பேசியிருப்பது கவலைக்கு இடமளிப்ப தாகும். இந்தச் சபையில் கைவிட்டேன் என்று சொல்லியிவர்கள் மேல் சபையில் ஸ்ரீ ஜான் கேட்ட கேள்விக்குப் பதில் சொல்லும்போது "ஸஸ் பெண்டெட்", என்று சொல்லியிருக்கிறார்கள். அதிலிருந்து தாற்காலிக மாக நிறுத்திவைக்கப்பட்டிருக்கிறது என்று தான் பொருள் கொள்ள வேண்டும். இது ரொம்பவும் தவறானது. எதிர்காலத்தில் இன்னொரு கலகத்தை ஏற்படுத்தாமலிருக்க வேண்டுமென்பதாக நான் கனம் நிதி மந்திரி அவர்களைக் கேட்டுக் கொள்ளுகிறேன். மக்கள் விரும்பவில்லை. ஆகவே இதைக் கைவிட்டுவிட்டோம் என்று சொல்லியிருந்தால் போதும். அதில் ஆட்சேபணை யிருக்கமுடியாது. அதைவிட்டு இந்ததிட்டம் நல்ல திட்டமென்று மக்களுடைய அபிப்பிராயத்திற்கு மாறாக கருத்துக்களை வெளியிடுவது ஜனநாயகத்திற்கு விரோதமானது என்பது தான் எங்கள் அபிப்பிராயம்."

"இந்தக் கல்வித்திட்டமானது கனம் ராஜகோபாலாச்சாரியாரது சொந்த மூளையைக் கொண்டு சிருஷ்டிக்கப்பட்டது. அவர் ஒரு கல்வி நிபுணர் அல்ல என்பதை நாம் ஒப்புக்கொள்ளவேண்டும். அதைப்போலவே இந்தக் கல்வித் திட்டத்திற்கு முழுமூச்சாக ஆதரவு தேடிய நமது கல்வி மந்திரி அவர்களும் ஒரு கல்வி நிபுணர் அல்ல."

The Hon. Sri C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" I am not an expert. If I am an expert, then I am disqualified to be a Minister."

Sri S. SWAYAMPRAKASAM :—" அவரே ஒப்புக்கொள் ளுகிறார். அப்படியிருக்கும்போது அவர் "இந்தக் கல்வித் திட்டத்தில் ஒரே வைரங்களும், வைடூரியங்களும் புதைக்கப்பட்டிருக்கின்றன. இதன் அருமை பெருமை சொல்லி முடியாது," என்றெல்லாம் வானளாவப் புகழ்வதன் பொருளைத்தான் நம்மால் புரிந்துகொள்ளமுடியவில்லை. அதோடு இன்றையதினம் பேசிய ஸ்ரீ சீதி சாகிப் அவர்கள் இந்தத் திட் டத்திற்கு மலபார் முஸ்லிம்கள் ரொம்பவும் ஆதரவு காட்டுவதாகச் சொன் னார்கள். மலபார் விஷயம் எப்படி என்று எனக்குத் தெரியாது. ஆனால் என் தொகுதியில் இருபது, இருபத்தையாயிரம் முஸ்லிம்கள் இருக்கிறார்கள். அவர்களிடம் சென்று இந்தக் கல்வித் திட்டத்தைப் பற்றி கேட்டதற்கு அவர்கள் உடனே இதை அரசாங்கம் கைவிடும்படியான நடவடிக்கையை என்ன எடுத்துக் கொள்ளச் சொன்னார்கள். ஆகவே இந்த நாட்டில் காங்கிரஸ்காரர்கள் மாத்திரமல்ல, எல்லாக் கட்சிக்காரர் களும் ஒருமுகமாக இந்தத் திட்டம் கெடுதி விளைவிக்கக் கூடியது, இதைக் கைவிடவேண்டுமென்று சொன்னார்கள். ஆனால் மக்கள் கருத்துக்கு மதிப்புக்கொடுக்காத ஒரே ஒரு நபர் இருந்தார் என்றால் அது ஸ்ரீமான் ராஜகோபாலாச்சாரிதான். இன்றைக்கு அவருடைய சீடப் பிள்ளையாக கனம் சுப்பிரமணியம் அவர்களும் இருக்கிறார்கள். மக்கள் கருத்துக்கு இவரும் மதிப்புக்கொடுக்க மறுக்கிறார்கள். மக்கள் ஒருமுகமாக இந்தத் திட்டம் கெடுதி விளைவிக்கக்கூடியது என்றால் இன்றைக்கு கல்வி மந்திரி அவர்கள் இந்தத் திட்டத்தைப்போல் உயர்ந்த திட்டமே கிடையாது என்று சொல்லுகிறார். ஆகவேதான் மக்களின் கருத்தை மதிக்காத கல்வி மந்திரி போக்கு எங்கு கொண்டுபோய்விடுமோ என்று அஞ்சவேண்டி யிருக்கிறது. மக்கள் கைவிடவேண்டுமென்று சொன்னதற்காக நான் கைவிடவில்லை. ஆனால் காங்கிரஸ் கட்சி அந்த திட்டத்தைக் கைவிட வேண்டு மென்று சொல்லிவிட்டது. **'I belong to that party and am a Minister here because I belong to that party. As long as I continue to be Minister, I am bound to obey the mandates given by that party.'** என்று சொல்லும் ஒரு தன்மையைத்தான் பார்த்தோம். எதிர்க்கட்சி சொல்வதைப்பற்றி அவர் கவலைப்பட்டதாகத் தெரியவில்லை. மக்களின்

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அபிப்ராயத்தையும் மதிப்பதாகத் தெரியவில்லை. அவரது பேச்சு ஜன நாயகத்திற்கு முரணுக இருக்கிறது என்பதை சுட்டிக்காட்டாமலிருக்கவும் முடியாது. மக்களின் கருத்துக்கு மதிப்புக்கொடுக்காத கல்வி மந்திரி யாராவது உண்டென்றுல் அது கனம் சுப்பிரமணியம்தான் என்று சொல் லிவிடலாம். 11-40 a.m.

"கைவிட்டது கைவிட்டதாகவே இருக்கவேண்டுமே தவிர அதை வேறு வகையில், வேறு ரூபத்தில் கொண்டுவருவதற்குக் கல்வி மந்திரி இனி முயற்சி செய்தாராஞல் அது இந்த ராஜ்ய மக்களின் ஆத்திரத்தை அதிகப்படுத்தும். மறுபடியும் ஒரு கிளர்ச்சி நாட்டில் உண்டாகுமென் பதை அவருக்கு எடுத்துக்காட்டி எச்சரிக்கை செய்ய விரும்புகிறேன். அமைக்கப்படப்போகின்ற கமிட்டிக்கு இதே திட்டத்தை ஒப்புக்கொள்ள வேண்டுமென்ற சிபார்சு செய்வதைப்போல இவர் பேசுவது சரியல்ல. அமைக்கப்படப்போகின்ற கமிட்டி இந்த ராஜ்ய மக்களின் பூரா அபிப் பிராயத்தையும் முதலில் அறியவேண்டும். பின்னர் சட்டசபையில் அதன் யதாஸ்து விவாதிக்கப்படவேண்டும். இனி எந்தச் சீர்திருத்தம் கொண்டுவந்தாலும் அது ஜனநாயகத்திற்கு உட்பட்டு சபை அங்கத்தின ரைக் கலந்துகொண்டே கொண்டுவரப்படவேண்டுமென்று சொல்லிக்கொண்டு இந்தக் கல்வித் திட்டத்தை வாபஸ் பெற்ற அறிக்கையை மக்கள் சார்பாக, இந்த ராஜ்யக் குழந்தைகளின் சார்பாக, இந்த ராஜ்ய ஆசிரி யர்களின் சார்பாக வரவேற்கிறேன்.

"எத்தனையோ குழந்தைகளுடைய கல்வி இன்றைக்கு பாழாகிக்கொண்டு வருகிறது என்று சொல்லமுடியாது. சில நேரங்களில் அந்தக் குழந் தைகள் தக்க முறையிலே வளர்ந்து அதாவது ஜவஹர்லால் நேரு அவர்களைப்போல, ராஜகோபாலாச்சாரியார் அவர்களைப்போல், சுப்பிர மணியம் அவர்களைப்போல வந்திருக்கக்கூடும். அவர்களுடைய ஒரு வருஷ படிப்பு எந்த முறையிலும் பாழாகி இருக்கமுடியும் என்று சொல்ல முடியாது. நிறைவேற்றப்பட்ட புதிய கல்வித் திட்டம் நாட்டிற்கு உகந்ததல்ல என்ற மக்களின் கருத்தை ஏற்றுக்கொண்டு, ஜன நாயகத்தை மதிக்கும் வகையில் அதைக் கைவிட முன் வந்திருப்பதை நான் ஆதரிக் கிறேன். நாங்கள் ஆதரிப்பதோடு மட்டுமல்லாமல், எல்லாக் கட்சிக் காரர்களும், எதிர்க் கட்சிக்காரர்கள் உள்பட இந்த தீர்மானத்தை வரவேற்கிறேம். ஆனுல் சுப்பிரமணியம் கூறியுள்ள மற்றவைகளை நாங்கள் ஒத்துக்கொள்ள முடியாது. இன்றைய அளவில் உள்ளதை நாங்கள் வரவேற்கத் தயாராக இருக்கிறேம். எதிர்காலத்தில் தக்க அறிவாளிகளை வைத்துக்கொண்டு, பரிசீலனை செய்து, பொதுமக்களுக்கு சமத்துவமான, சம்மதமான ஒரு சட்டத்தை, அம்மாதிரியான ஒரு கல்வித் திட்டத்தை எதிர்காலத்தில் புகுத்தவேண்டுமென்று கேட்டுக்கொண்டு என்னுடைய பேச்சை முடித்துக்கொள்ளுகிறேன்." 11-43 a.m.

* **Sri M. KALYANASUNDRAM** :—"கனம் உதவி சபாநாயகர் அவர்களே, இந்த விவாதம் வேண்டுமென்று வற்புறுத்தியவர்களில் நானும் ஒருவன். அதனுடைய நோக்கம் இந்தத் திட்டம் வாபஸ் வாங்கப்படும் என்று தெரிந்தும், விவாதம் வேண்டுமென்றதன் நோக்கம் எதிர்காலத்திலே கல்வித்திட்டம் எப்படி இருக்கவேண்டுமென்ற அபிப் ராயம் சொல்வதற்கு இந்த சபையில் ஒரு சந்தர்ப்பம் கொடுக்கவேண்டு மென்பதற்காகத்தான். ஆனுல் கல்வி மந்திரி அவர்கள் நேற்று செய்த பிரசங்கத்திலே கடந்த காலத்தைப் பற்றியும் சில விஷயங்களை பேசும் சந்தர்ப்பம் உண்டாக்கியிருக்கிறுர். நாங்கள் அவருடைய சங்கடத்தைப் புரிந்துகொள்ள முடியும். அவர்களிடத்திலே கொஞ்சம் அனுதாபம் காட்ட வேண்டியதுதான். இருந்தாலும் அவர் அதை உணர்வாராஞல் போதும். ஆனுல் அவர் அதைப் புகுத்திய காலத்திலேயும், அதற்குப் பின் தொடர்ந்தும் சரி, இந்தத் திட்டத்தை அவர் பெரிதும் ஆதரித்து, அதை அவர் தன்னுடைய சொந்த சௌகரியத்துக்காக உபயோகப்படுத்திக்கொண்டு விட்டார்கள். அதுதான் இப்பொழுதுள்ள ஒரு பெரிய சங்கடம். கொஞ்

சம் திருந்த யோசனை பண்ணியிருந்தால் முன்னர் இது விஷயம் நடந்த காலத்தில் திருத்தியிருக்கமுடியும். இப்பொழுது இந்த சபையில் எடுத்துக்கொண்டிருக்கவேண்டிய அவசியமேயில்லை. அப்பொழுது அதை சொந்த சௌகரியத்திற்கு எடுத்துக் கொண்டதால், இன்றைக்கு அவர் இந்தத் திட்டத்தை வாபஸ் வாங்கிக்கொள்ளும்படியான நிலைமை ஏற்பட்டிருக்கிறது. அப்படி வாபஸ் பெற்றுக்கொள்வதைப்பற்றி அவர் ரொம்பவும் அதைரியப்படுகிறார். அதைத் தனக்கு நிகழ்ந்த ஒரு தோல்வியாகக் கருதுகிறார். ஆனால் அவர் தன்னுடைய குழந்தைகளுக்கு எதிர்காலத்திலே ஒரு நன்மையைச் செய்கிறோம் என்ற நோக்கத்தோடு இதைப் பார்த்தால் அவருக்கு இந்த நிலைமையைச் சமாளிக்க தைரியம் ஏற்படும். நேற்று செய்த அவருடைய பிரசங்கம் ஒரு தைரியசாலி செய்யக்கூடிய பிரசங்கமாக இல்லை என்பது என்னுடைய அபிப்பிராயம். தைரியசாலி என்ன செய்யவேண்டும் ? ஜனங்கள் எதிர்க்கிறார்கள் ; எதிர்க்கட்சிக்காரர்கள் எதிர்க்கிறார்கள் ; சர்க்கார் கட்சியிலுள்ளவர்களும் அதைக் கைவிட்டுவிட வேண்டுமென்றும், வாபஸ் வாங்கவேண்டுமென்றும் எதிர்க்கிறார்கள் என்று தெரிகிறது. ஆகையால் அவர் உடனே அதற்கான வைகளை தைரியமாகச் செய்ய முன்வரவேண்டும். இப்போது இங்கு சர்க்கார் தரப்பு அங்கத்தினர்கள் விவாதத்தில் கலந்து கொள்ளாததற்குகூட ஏதாவது மர்மம் இருக்குமென்று நினைக்கிறேன். அதைப்பற்றி கேட்பதற்கு உரிமையில்லாவிட்டாலும்கூட, இந்த அமைப்பு தோற்றத்திலேயே அவர்களுக்குள் ஏதோ புகைகிறது என்று சந்தேகப்படவேண்டியிருக்கிறது. அதைப்பற்றித் தெரிந்துகொள்வதற்கு எங்களுக்கு சந்தர்ப்பம் கொடுக்காமல் இருக்கிறார்கள்.”

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—“ உங்களுக்கு சந்தர்ப்பம் கொடுக்கப்போவதில்லை.”

* SRI M. KALYANASUNDRAM :—“ இந்தக் கல்வித் திட்டத்தை அவர்கள் அதாவது சர்க்கார் கட்சியில் உள்ளவர்கள் எதிர்க்கிறார்கள் என்பதை அவர் நன்கு ஞாபகத்தில் வைத்துக்கொள்ளவேண்டும். அப்படியிருந்தும் நமது கனம் கல்வி அமைச்சர் மட்டும் அதை ஒரேமுகமாக ஆதரித்தே பேசியிருக்கிறார். சமீபகாலம் வரை ஒருமுகமாக மற்ற எல்லோராலும் இத் திட்டம் வெறுக்கப்பட்டு வந்திருக்கிறது. அப்படிப்பட்ட திட்டத்தை இவர் கைவிடுவது தனக்கு ஒரு பெரிய கௌரவம் குறைந்து விடுவதாகவும், தனக்குள்ள பெருமை நோக்கத்தோடே பார்த்து இவர் செய்துள்ள பிரசங்கமானது அவரிடத்திலே இருக்கக்கூடிய கோழைத்தனத்தைத்தான் காட்டுகிறது. ஆகவே இப்படிப்பட்ட ஒருவர், இன்னும் தன் மனத்திலே வேறு வகையான எண்ணங்களைக் கொண்டிருப்பவர், திட்டத்தை கைவிடுவதற்கு பிரியமில்லாதவர், இனியும் கல்வி மந்திரியாக எப்படி வேலை செய்ய முடியுமென்றுதான் தெரியவில்லை. தன் திட்டம் நிறைவேறாமல் போயிற்றே என்பதை மனத்தில் வைத்துக்கொண்டு, மறுபடியும் குழப்பத்திற்கு ஏதாவது இடம் இருக்குமோ என்பதை தெரிவித்துக்கொள்ள விரும்புகிறேன்.

“ இந்தத் திட்டம் வாபஸ் செய்யப்படுவதை வெளியில் இருக்கக்கூடிய மக்கள் அனைவரும் வரவேற்கிறார்கள் ; சந்தோஷப்படுகிறார்கள். அவர்களுடைய வெற்றிதான் இது. அரசியல் கட்சிக்காரர்கள் இவ்வளவு பெரிய கிளர்ச்சிகளும், குழப்பங்களும் நடந்த திட்டத்தை கைவிடுகிறோமே என்று நினைத்தால் அது அவர்களுடைய தப்பு என்றுதான் சொல்லவேண்டும். ஆனால் இந்த விஷயத்தில் அரசியல் கட்சி அங்கத்தினர்கள் பலர் இந்த புதிய கல்வித் திட்டத்தை எதிர்த்தே இருக்கிறார்கள் என்பது எல்லோருக்கும் தெரிந்த விஷயம். இந்தத் திட்டம் குறித்து எதிர்க்கட்சிக்காரர்களும், பொதுமக்களும் எதிர்ப்பும், வெறுப்பும் காட்டுகிறார்கள் என்பதற்காக கைவிடப்பட்டதாக இருக்கவேண்டும். இந்த விஷயத்தில் கட்சி மனப்பான்மையே பார்க்கக் கூடாது ; பொதுஜன அபிப்பிராயமே மிகவும் முக்கியம். இது

பற்றி முன்னால் மாஜி மந்திரியாக இருந்த ராஜகோபாலாச்சாரியார் அவர்களே மனமுடைந்து ஒரு வார்த்தை கூறியுள்ளார். இந்த சபையின் காங்கிரஸ் கட்சி அங்கத்தினர்களே இதற்கு பெரும்பாலும் முரணாக இருக்கிறார்கள் என்று சொல்லியிருக்கிறார். இது எதைக் காட்டுகிறது? இந்த திட்டத்திலே மக்களுக்குள்ள வெறுப்பைத்தான் காட்டுகிறது. அப்படிப் பட்ட திட்டம் வாபஸ் வாங்கப்படுவதால் எல்லோரும் சந்தோஷம்தான் படுவார்கள். இதைத் தெரிவித்துக்கொண்டு மேலும் நடந்துள்ள விஷயத்தைப் பற்றிய விவரம் சொல்ல விரும்புகிறேன்.

" யார் கல்வி மந்திரியாக வந்தாலும், அல்லது இருந்தாலும் அதைப் பற்றிய கவலை எங்களுக்கு இல்லை."

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" கவலைப்பட்டும் பிரயோஜனமில்லை."

SRI M. KALYANASUNDRAM :—" கவலைப்பட மாட்டோம். ஆனால் யார் யார் எப்படி என்ன விஷயங்கள் செய்கிறார்கள் என்பதை மட்டும் விழிப்பாக கவனித்துக்கொண்டு வருவோம். ஆனால் அதுபற்றி கவலைப் பட்டுக்கொண்டிருக்க மாட்டோம். ரொம்ப சாமர்த்தியசாலி வந்தாலும் சரி, வராவிட்டாலும் சரி அல்லது திறமை சாலி வந்தாலும் சரி, திறமையற்றவர் வந்தாலும் சரி அதைப்பற்றி நாங்கள் கவலைப்பட மாட்டோம். ஆனால் யார் இங்கு வந்து உட்கார்ந்தாலும், இந்த இடத்திலே வந்து உட்காருபவர்கள் கடைப்பிடிக்கும் விஷயம் மட்டும் ஒரே மாதிரியாகத்தான் இருக்கும். அதுபற்றி சந்தேகமே வேண்டாம். எல்லாம் ஒரே குட்டையில் ஊறிய மட்டைகள் தானே? இதிலே யார் அதிகம் ஊறி இருக்கிறார்கள், யார் அதிகம் ஊறவில்லை என்று பிரித்துப் பார்க்க முடியாது. இப்படி ஊறியிருக்கிற மட்டைகளுக்கு ஒருவித கொள்கையும் இல்லாததால், இந்தக் கட்சியிலிருந்து யார் வந்தாலும் அவர்களுக்கு தேசத்தினுடைய முன்னேற்றத்தைப் பற்றிய எண்ணமே இருக்காது என்பதைத் தெரிவித்துக்கொள்ள விரும்புகிறேன். கல்வி மந்திரியாக இருப்பவரைப் பற்றி நாங்கள் கவலைப்பட வில்லை. யார் வந்தாலும் சரி. கடமையைச் செய்கிறார்களா என்பதைத் தான் நாங்கள் கவனிப்போம். எதிர்காலத்திலே இந்த மாதிரி அசம்பாவிதங்கள் ஏற்படாமல் பார்த்துக்கொள்வதில் தான் நாங்கள் கவலைப்படுவோம். இந்த மாதிரியான மந்திரி சபை தான் அமைய வேண்டுமென்பது எங்களுடைய கருத்துமல்ல; அவ்வாறு யாராவது மனதிலே உருவாக்கிக் கொண்டால் அது அவர்களுடைய தவறுதான். உலகம் போகிற போக்கைப் பார்த்து நாம் எந்தத் திட்டங்களையும் தயாரிக்கவேண்டும். எதிர்காலத்திற்கு உகந்ததான ஒரு திட்டத்தைத் தயாரிக்கவேண்டும். காங்கிரஸ் கட்சிக்காரர்கள் தங்களுக்கு மிகவும் உகந்தது என்று சொல்லக்கூடிய ஆதாரக் கல்வியைப் பற்றி சொல்லலாம். ஆனால் இன்றைய உலகம் போகிற போக்கிலே அக் கல்வித் திட்டமும் உகந்ததல்ல என்றே சொல்லவேண்டும். இதனால் வேலையில்லாத் திண்டாட்டத்தை ஒழித்துவிட முடியும், தொழில் பிரச்னை தீரும் என்றெல்லாம் கூறலாம். ஆனால் அதனுடைய வளர்ச்சியை எல்லாம் கணக்கிட்டுப் பார்த்தால் அத் திட்டமும் நம் நாட்டுக்கு உகந்ததல்ல என்றுதான் கூறவேண்டும். இவைகளை யெல்லாம் பற்றி சபைக்கு வந்தால் அப்பொழுது திருத்தியமைக்க பார்த்துக்கொள்ளவேண்டும். 11-50 a.m.

" இனி வரக்கூடிய அதாவது பழைய கல்வித் திட்டம் மிகவும் சிறந்தது என்றும் நாங்கள் கூறவில்லை. அன்னியர் ஆட்சி செய்த காலத்திலே அவர்களுடைய சுயநலத்திற்காக வேண்டி நம்மை அடக்கியாள அவர்களிஷ்டப்படி இந்த பழைய கல்வித் திட்டம் அமைந்துள்ளது. அதிலே பல குறைகள் இருக்கிறது. அதை மாற்ற வேண்டிய அவசியம் இருக்கிறது என்பதை ஒப்புக்கொள்ளுகிறேன். அந்த திட்டத்தை மாற்றியமைக்க சில நிபுணர்கள் கொண்ட ஒரு கமிட்டி நியமிக்கப் போவதாகச் சொன்னார்கள். இந்த தேசத்தினுடைய கல்வி நிலைக்கு ஆரம்பக் கல்வித் திட்டம் தேவையில்லை. அதற்குப் பதிலாக தேசத்தினுடைய எதிர்காலத்

திலே அக்கரைகொண்டவர்கள் அதிலே அங்கத்தினர்களாக இருக்கவேண்டுமென்பதைத் தெரிவித்துக்கொள்ளுகிறேன். அதோடுகூட, இக்கமிட்டியில் பொதுமக்கள் பிரதிநிதிகளையும், குறிப்பாக உபாத்தியாயர் ஸ்தாபனங்களின் பிரதிநிதிகளையும் சேர்த்துக்கொள்ளவேண்டுமென்பது என்னுடைய அபிப்பிராயம். அந்த கமிட்டி நடத்தக்கூடிய விசாரணை பகிரங்கமாக இருக்க
11-53 a.m. வேண்டும். பொது ஜனங்கள், ஸ்தாபனங்கள் சார்பில் யார் வேண்டுமானாலும் அந்த விசாரணைக் கமிட்டியின் முன்பு அபிப்பிராயங்களைத் தெரிவித்துக்கொள்ளுவதற்கு ஒரு சந்தர்ப்பம் கொடுக்கவேண்டும் என்பது என்னுடைய அபிப்பிராயம்.

"அந்த விசாரணைக் கமிட்டியின் சிபாரிசுகளை மறுபடியும் சர்க்கார் பரிசீலனை சமயத்தில் பிரசுரித்து மீண்டும் மக்கள் அந்த சிபாரிசுகளின் மீது தங்களுடைய அபிப்பிராயங்களைச் சொல்வதற்கு சந்தர்ப்பம் கொடுத்த பிறகு இந்தச் சபை முன் அது ஒரு சட்டமாகக் கொண்டுவரப்படவேண்டும். அதாவது ஆரம்பக் கல்விச் சட்டம் என்று இயற்றப்படவேண்டிய அவசியம் ஏற்பட்டிருக்கிறது என்று சொல்லிக்கொள்ள விரும்புகிறேன். எல்லா மக்களினுடைய கருத்துக்களைப் பிரதிபலிக்கும்படியான ஒரு சட்டம் இயற்றப் பட்டால்தான் இந்தச் சர்ச்சை ஒருவாறு தீர்க்கமுடியும் என்பது என்னுடைய அபிப்பிராயம்.

"எந்தத் திட்டம் நடைபெறவேண்டுமானாலும் அந்தத் திட்டத்தினுடைய வெற்றி அந்தக் காரியத்தை நிறைவேற்றுவதற்காக இருக்கக் கூடிய ஊழியர்களின் கையில் இருக்கிறது. அந்தத் திட்டத்தை நிறைவேற்றுவதற்குக் காரணமான ஊழியர்கள் ஆரம்ப ஆசிரியர்கள் ஆவர். இன்றைக்கு ஆரம்ப ஆசிரியர்களிடையே உற்சாகம் இல்லை. புதிய ஆரம்பக் கல்வித்திட்டத்திற்கு எதிர்ப்பு அவர்களிடமிருந்துதான் பிரதானமாக வந்திருக்கிறதென்பதை நாம் பார்க்கவேண்டும். மந்திரி அவர்களுடைய பிரசங்கத்தில் குறிப்பிட்டிருக்கிறார்கள் '4½ கோடி ரூபாயிலே இந்த ராஜ்யத்திலே உள்ள குழந்தைகளுக்கெல்லாம் படிப்பு கொடுத்துவிடவேண்டுமென்ற நோக்கத்துடன் தான் புதிய கல்வித்திட்டம் கொண்டுவரப்பட்டது' என்று கூறியிருக்கிறார்கள். இந்த ராஜ்ய நிதி நிலைமை நம்முடைய நிதி மந்திரியினுடைய காலத்திற்குள்ளாக புரட்சிகரமாக மாறிவிடும் என்று எதிர்பார்க்கமுடியாது. இதே பிரச்னைதான் அவர் முன்னால் வருஷா வருஷம் இருக்கப்போகிறது. இப்படிப்பட்ட நிலைமை இருக்கிறவரையில், பணச் செலவைமட்டும் பார்க்கிறவரையில் உபாத்தியாயர்களுக்கு உற்சாகத்தை அளிக்க அவர்களால் முடியாது. குறைந்த சம்பளத்தில், குறைந்த உபாத்தியாயர்களிடம் அதிக வேலை வாங்கவேண்டுமென்ற கொள்கையின் அடிப்படையில் இவர்கள் இருக்கும்வரையில் எந்தத் திட்டமும் உருப்படமுடியாது. உபாத்தியாயர்களுடைய ஒத்துழைப்பைப் பெற வேண்டுமானால், அவர்களுடைய வாழ்க்கை வசதிகளையும், வேலை நேரத்தையும் ஒழுங்குபடுத்தவேண்டுமென்று அவர்களுக்குத் தெரிவித்துக்கொள்ள ஆசைப்படுகிறேன்.

"ஆரம்பக் கல்வியில் ஜனங்களிடத்தில் உற்சாகம் இருக்கவேண்டுமென்று சொன்னால் கிராம மக்கள் பிள்ளைகளை அனுப்ப முடியாத நிலைமையில் இருக்கிறார்கள். அவர்கள் குழந்தைகளை அனுப்புவதற்கு உற்சாகம் அளிக்கக்கூடிய வசதிகளைச் செய்து கொடுக்கவேண்டும். சட்டம் இயற்றிவிட்டால்மட்டும் போதாது. பெற்றோர்கள் குழந்தைகளை பள்ளிக்கூடங்களுக்கு அனுப்பக்கூடிய அளவுக்கு உற்சாகம் ஏற்படவேண்டும்.

"ஆரம்பக் கல்விக்கான பாடப் புத்தகங்கள் தயாரிப்பை தனிப்பட்டவர்கள் கையில் விடாமல், சர்க்கார் "ஸிலபஸ்" ஸை நிர்ணயம் செய்து ராஜ்யம் பூராவும் ஒரேமாதிரியான பாடப்புத்தகங்கள் இருக்கும்படிச் செய்ய வேண்டும். ஏழையாக உள்ளவர்களுடைய குழந்தைகளுக்கு இலவசமாக புத்தகங்கள், இன்னும் சிலேட்டுகள், முதலிய பொருள்களையும் விநியோகம்

செய்வதற்கு சர்க்கார் முயற்சி எடுக்கவேண்டும். அப்பொழுதுதான் ஆரம்பக் கல்வித்திட்டம் வெற்றியடையமுடியும். இவைகளையெல்லாம் ஆலோசனை செய்து ஒரு விரிவான திட்டத்தை சர்க்கார் தயாரிப்பார்களானால் ஆரம்பக் கல்விக்கு ஏதாவது சேவை செய்தோம் என்று பெருமையடமுடியும். அதற்குப் பதிலாக இறந்துபோன திட்டத்தை வைத்துக்கொண்டு, அதிலுள்ள பெருமையைப்பற்றி சொல்லிக்கொண்டு கல்வி மந்திரி அவர்கள் குழப்பிக்கொண்டிருந்தால், உண்மையில் நல்லது செய்வதாகாது, என்று தெரிவித்துக்கொண்டு, நான் சொன்ன யோசனைகளை ஆலோசனையில் எடுத்கொள்ளவேண்டுமென்று கேட்டுக்கொள்ளுகின்றேன்."

Sri A. GOVINDASAMY NAYAGAR :—" **On a point of order, Sir,** இன்றையதினம் கேள்வி நேரத்திற்கு ஒன்றறை மணி நேரம் அதிகமாக எடுத்துக்கொண்டீர்கள். ஆகையினால், இந்த விவாதத்திற்கு இன்னும் ஒன்றறை மணி நேரம் அதிகமாக கொடுக்கவேண்டும். இல்லாவிட்டால் அங்கத்தினர்களுடைய உரிமை பாதிக்கப்படும் என்று தெரிவித்துக்கொள்ளுகிறேன்."

DEPUTY SPEAKER :—" **It is not a point of order. The time has been fixed already by the Speaker. He has already said that the Hon. the Minister will begin his reply at 12 noon."**

Sri S. SWAYAMPRAKASAM :—" **Until 12 noon, the hon. Member may be allowed to speak."**

DEPUTY SPEAKER :—" **Proceedings have to be wound up in time."**

* The Hon. Sri C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" Mr. Deputy Speaker, Sir, I am rather still in an embarrasing position in replying to this debate. Very many hon. Members chose to congratulate me on the step that I have taken, namely of withdrawing the modified scheme of elementary education. I do not know whether I deserve the congratulations or not. But apart from that aspect of the matter, hon. Members, and especially Mr. Swayamprakasam, referred to the opinions I expressed in my speech when I announced the decision of the Government to withdraw the scheme. He chose to refer to them as a negation of democracy. I am afraid there is a good deal of confusion in his mind with reference to democracy and as to what is democracy. Sir, still I hold the opinion that the modified scheme was a good scheme and that it deserved a trial. But in spite of that, it has been given up. In spite of the fact that I am entitled to hold that opinion and that certain others also hold a similar opinion, the majority of the Members here and also a large section of the people wanted that it should be withdrawn. And it has, therefore, been withdrawn. That is democracy. It is not a denial of democracy, if we hold different opinions. It may be so in some other countries where everybody has to think in a certain pattern, study in a certain pattern and act in a certain pattern. That is a quite different conception of democracy. (Sri M. Kalyanasundram : 'We are in our own country.') Yes. Here we are given freedom to hold our own opinions. Even a Minister has got freedom to have his own opinion about things Yet, he has to carry out the mandate of the

majority of the people and I may respectfully tell Mr. Swayamprakasam that in holding the opinion that I did about the modified scheme, I have not done anything which will go against the principles of democracy. On the other hand, I have demonstrated that we are acting according to the principles of democracy. When I myself hold a different opinion about the scheme, I came forward to withdraw it. I shall never feel ashamed to say anywhere that I still hold that opinion, namely that the modified scheme is a good scheme. But that is a quite different matter and it is not the individual opinion that counts. That is why I said that it was necessary for any scheme to succeed to carry the people with us. Under these circumstances, I do not see why Members feel that holding such an opinion is against the principles of democracy.

12 noon. "I would like to submit to Mr. Swayamprakasam and people of his type that he would allow me freedom of opinion just as he has his freedom of opinion. I am entitled to think in a particular way. He is entitled to think in a particular way, to behave in a particular way and act in a particular way. Freedom of opinion is given to every individual. Any Government functioning as a Government for the people have got to take into account the opinions expressed by the hon. Members in this House as well as the opinion of the public outside as a whole. So considering all that, I may say that in a way I have demonstrated to the members of this House and also to the people that the Congress Party as such is wedded to democratic principles. Whatever may be the individual opinion we are prepared to submit to the opinion of the majority and carry out the wishes of the majority. Therefore let there be no wrong opinion entertained at any quarter that holding a particular opinion is against the principles of democracy.

"Coming to another point the hon. Member Mr. Swayamprakasam has said that I used the word 'suspended' while referring to the scheme of modified elementary education system in the other House. He has said that I used the word 'dropped' here in this House and had used the word 'suspended' in the Council. I respectfully submit it is not as if we have come to any definite conclusion as to the future set up of elementary education in our State. It is still an open book. Therefore, I said it might be possible, not that it should be done, that some of the points in the modified scheme may be accepted by the new committee that would go into the question and may be acceptable to the House and to the people. Therefore it is not once for all giving it up as a dictum or mandate that nothing that is good in that scheme should even be looked into even though it might be desirable. It is not in that sense that we have decided not to introduce the new scheme from the next academic year. Everything is open to scrutiny, to examination and if after a good deal of scrutiny and examination, it is found that there are good points in the scheme, they will have to be encouraged. It is like the suspension of an officer pending an enquiry. Until the guilt is proved and the officer is dismissed, he is suspended. So also in this case the

new scheme is suspended. A further scrutiny is to take place. Simply because the new scheme has been suspended, we have to introduce the old scheme which was in existence prior to the introduction of the new scheme. Therefore, there is nothing wrong in my using the word 'suspended'. On the other hand, I think it is an appropriate term unless my friend Mr. Swayamprakasam contends that whatever is there in the new scheme, whether good or bad, should not even be looked into, scrutinised, examined or embodied. If that is the dogma he is having about the new scheme, I am sorry he has made a wrong point out of it."

SRI S. SWAYAMPRAKASAM :—" Yesterday morning the Hon. the Minister for Education categorically informed this House that the new scheme would be dropped. In the same evening, he has gone to the Council and had said that the scheme had only been 'suspended'. Suspending the scheme means that certain of the items in it may be considered by the committee that would be shortly appointed. The consideration by the committee is a different question. But to give an indication beforehand to the committee that it may consider some of the good points in the new scheme, is, let me submit, going beyond the limit."

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" Even supposing I have used the word 'suspended' I think I have a right as a citzen to place before the Committee the salient features of the new scheme. It is for the Committee to consider or reject my suggestions. Therefore I do not think I have committed any wrong. With great respect to my lawyer friend Mr. Swayamprakasam, let me submit that he has made a very wrong point out of what I had said. He has approached the problem from the wrong angle."

SRI T. SHANMUGAM :—" கனம் மந்திரி அவர்கள் புதிய கல்வித் திட்டத்தை drop பண்ணியிருக்கிறரா ? அல்லது suspend பண்ணியிருக்கிறரா ? தயவு செய்து அவர் திட்டமாகச் சொல்லவேண்டும். (சிரிப்பு.)

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" I have made my position clear in the statement I made yesterday in this House and the copy of my speech is in the hon. Member's hands. He can go through it and find out the answer."

SRI S. RAMALINGAM :—" On a point of order. Sir, மேல் சபையில் நடந்த சில நிகழ்ச்சிகளைப்பற்றியோ, அங்கு பேசிய சில பேச்சுக்களைப் பற்றியோ இந்தச் சபையில் விவாதிக்கலாமா ? "

MR. SPEAKER :—" விவாதிக்கக்கூடாது."

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" That is why I had not mentioned anything about what passed in the other House. But unfortunately the subject had been dragged in and I had to reply. I have already made a statement. After all, there is nothing in the word. What is wanted is the spirit behind it. There is nothing wrong in holding an opinion. Simply because I

used the word 'suspended' I am not going behind the spirit of the decision. Nor am I going to introduce here and there some of the features of the new scheme. I am not going to argue and misinterpret any word as in a Court of Law. No member need have any such apprehension. After all we understand each other perfectly. We should not merely quarrel over words, just as in a Court of Law. If I had been arguing before a Court of Law, I would have weighed every word before using it. As far as this House is concerned, I had already given an assurance. I might again assure the members that it is not as if I want to take advantage (in fact I have nothing to gain) of any technicality for achieving any object. If I have anything dear to my heart, I would plainly tell the House and seek their permission or sanction to do it. Therefore, Sri Shanmugam need not get apprehensive because I have used the word 'suspended' in the other House and the word 'dropped' in this House. I would say in reply to Sri Shanmugam's query that the scheme is both suspended and dropped. It was dropped now and suspended in the sense it might actually come in some other form when Mr. Shanmugam holds the portfolio of Education in this State."

SRI A. GOVINDASAMY NAYAGAR :—"On a point of order. Sir, நேற்றைய தினம் மந்திரி அவர்கள் பேசும்போது மூளை குழம்பி இருப்பதாகவும், இருட்டில் இருப்பதாகவும் சொன்னார். அதன் விளைவாக நேற்றைய தினம் இந்தச் சபையில் இந்தத் திட்டம் drop செய்யப்பட்டிருப்பதாகச் சொல்லிவிட்டு மேல் சபையில் suspend செய்யப்பட்டிருப்பதாகச் சொல்லியிருக்கிறார் போலும்! இப்படிக் குழப்பிக்கொண்டு இருப்பதன் காரணத்தை அறிய விரும்புகிறேன்.

MR. SPEAKER :—"மூளை குழம்பி இருப்பதாகவா சொன்னார்கள் ?"

SRI A. GOVINDASAMY NAYAGAR :—"இருளிலே கஷ்டப் பட்டுக்கொண்டிருப்பதாகச் சொன்னார்கள்."

12–10 p.m. * THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—"I may tell the hon. Member that even though I may spend sleepless nights, my brain is quite clear (cheers) and, if any treatment is needed, I do not know who needs that treatment. Before pointing out the confusion in others, it is better we analyse the confusion in our own mind. Therefore, I would request the hon. Member Sri A. Govindaswami Nayagar to leave me alone. I have got my own ideas and I can take care of myself. When I ask him for advice or seek his help, he can offer his advice or help. His gratuitous help was never wanted at any time.

"In dropping the modified scheme of education, the tragedy is that we have not made any progress in any direction. On the other hand, there has been a set-back in that we are going back to an old scheme which has been condemned by one and all, by the Dravida Kazhagam, by Communists and by every other section of the people. Everybody admits that it needs reorganization or reorientation and a complete change of objective. The real tragedy is that because of the pressing circumstances we have to go back to the old scheme about which there has been unanimous opinion

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that it is not a desirable scheme. As far as the modified scheme of education is concerned, there is a certain section of the people at least—it is not necessary for my argument to say that it is a majority section—who believe in it, who have got faith in it and who say that there is something good in it. So the position is we are giving up a scheme with reference to which there is difference of opinion in favour of a scheme with reference to which there is no difference of opinion in that it has been unanimously condemned and recommended for scrapping. That is why I say that there is a set-back. The sooner we drop the scheme which we are taking steps to introduce on the first of June, the better for the country. Before deciding to take the step that is proposed, I was all along resisting whether it was necessary to give up the modified scheme with reference to which there was differenc of opinion and go back to a unanimously-condemned scheme and whether we could not retain the modified scheme pending an examination of the whole question of elementary education by a proper committee which we have proposed to set up for the purpose. But all the party leaders whom I consulted said that for the purpose of creating a proper atmosphere, it was necessary to take the proposed step even though we might be taking a step backward. For the purpose of consolidating the position and taking a more progressive step later on, there have got to be strategic withdrawals in a battlefield, just as there were successful withdrawals during the last war. In order to create that atmosphere, I thought I should yield and introduce the unanimously condemned old scheme even though it might be viewed as a retrograde step.

"It is necessary for us to examine this problem of elementary education at a very early date. It is with regard to that that I was hoping to get some light or enlightenment. If Mr. Govindaswami Nayagar had spoken, probably he would have given some enlightenment, but we missed that enlightenment. Some members have given very useful suggestions with regard to that. Especially with regard to the composition of the committee, there has been a slight disagreement. But I do not think it is really a disagreement. Some Members pointed out that the committee should consist of purely educational experts. I think that will be a correct approach, and that expert committee may consult all sections of opinion before arriving at a conclusion. Instead of that, if we have politicians or other persons on that committee, that may create trouble. That is what I feel for the present. We will have to consider the matter. I am sure all these aspects will be taken into consideration in the appointment of the committee. (Sri M. Kalyanasundaram : 'I suppose the Hon. Minister is keeping an open mind.') We shall consider all aspects of the question. I shall take into consideration the advice of the party leaders whom I met some time back and appoint a proper committee whose members will have an open mind with reference to this educational problem and arrive at a correct solution."

"With reference to basic Education, I have to reaffirm the position of the Government. Mr. M. Kalyanasundaram was saying that even basic education was a thing which they could not accept, as it could not be said to satisfy the needs of the present-day world. With great respect to him, I should say, even though he may differ, that as far as the State Government and the Central Government and the educational experts who are advising these Governments are concerned, we have accepted basic education as the ultimate pattern. It might be, as has been pointed by some members, that there is nothing like permanency in education. Education is not static; it has got to be dynamic. Therefore, even in basic education, certain changes may have to be made. The basic idea underlying that system of education will have to be accepted. To-day, it has been accepted not in this country only but throughout the educational world that pupils should learn through activity. There may be difference of opinion on what that activity should be, and there may have to be changes here and there according to the changing circumstances. But that education should be through activity is an accepted fact. If that is an accepted fact, then what sort of activity should be undertaken will depend upon the economic set-up which is accepted for the country as a whole. According to the economic set-up, the activity undertaken in the school will have to be changing. If we plump for wholesale industrialization, heavy industries and the wholesale introduction of machinery in the agricultural, industrial and in every other sector, if we stand committed to that policy, I do agree that it will be an anachronism if we go on with activities which will not be in consonance with that policy. But if we agree that that is not the pattern which we should aim at and that it should be a different pattern altogether, then the activities which we adopt in the schools will have to conform to that accepted pattern. If to-day basic education is not acepted by some, it is because with reference to the economic set-up, there is a good deal of difference of opinion and, if I may say so, a good deal of confusion also. In spite of the very great efforts made for the spread of basic education, we are making only very slow progress, because it depends upon the economic set-up that we are prepared to accept for the country. Unless we take a definite stand with regard to that economic set-up, it is very difficult to adopt the activity programme inside the school. But whatever be the end, to-day we are wedded to the Gandhian ideal whether it is accepted by the Communist Party or not, whether it is accepted by the Dravida Kazhagam or not. As far as we are concerned, we stand for it and we want to adopt the Gandhian ideal, that is decentralisation of industries wherever it is possible, and centralisation wherever it is necessary. So far, we have been adopting in our schools the activities of spinning, weaving and a little bit of agriculture. I agree that that is not sufficient and that we will have to enlarge these activities and introduce other activities. That is a matter which will have to be gone into with reference to basic education.

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I wish to state clearly on the floor of this House to-day that as far as the objective is concerned, basic education is the ultimate pattern to which we are wedded. Let there be no doubt about it. Let it not be said later on that the Government agreed to re-open the entire system of elementary education for examination and that now they are retracting from that position by saying that they are wedded to basic education. To avoid giving room for any misunderstanding, I want to state here and now that the ultimate pattern to which we are wedded is the system of basic education.

"But as I already pointed out yesterday, the process of the conversion of the ordinary schools into basic schools is painfully slow and however much we may hasten, it is bound to take some time. Then the question is, during the transitional period are we going to work this much condemned system of education, the old type of education which has been introduced for their own purposes by the Britishers as it has been pointed out even at the time of Mecaulay. Therefore, if we are now appointing a committee, we are appointing it for the purpose of finding out what sort of education consistent with the ultimate pattern we should have in the elementary education system so that this transition period may not be wasted with reference to the boys who do not have the advantages of having the basic education. They are also entitled to have the proper-type of education. Therefore, with reference to these children, we have to take a decision. What should be the form of the elementary school if it is not possible to change the school into a basic type? What sort of education we should have in the schools? With reference to the constitution of the Committee, if a person who has accepted the basic education scheme as the objective is appointed it is not as if we are appointing anybody who has got committed himself with reference to the transitional period. That charge should not be made against the Government. We would not be doing anything wrong in appointing such a person to go, scrutinise and examine the problem of elementary education during this transitional stage. It is not as if I am having anybody in view now. That is why the question of politicians also coming into the picture is brizzling with difficulties. Sri M. Kalyanasundaram with his Communist ideals has got his own points of view with reference to education and after all we know the sort of education which the Communist want. So also the Dravida Kazhagam people want a particular type of education and others also may have their own views about the various types of education. That is why I thought that instead of bringing in all these conflicting elements, it is better to confine ourselves to educational experts alone who can discuss among themselves and produce a unanimous formula after consulting all the interests concerned. That will be the best way of solving this very vexed problem and therefore, Sir, I am really grateful to the hon. members who have given these very useful suggestions. Only hon. Members on the opposite side took part in the discussion. Sri M. Kalyanasundaram

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wanted to make a point out of it that there is something smearing behind this silence. I know what he wishes. He wants something to come out of this, so that there may be some sporting chance for some of those people to occupy these Benches. But as I have asserted and assured him on previous occasions, let me tell him whatever be happening on this side, whatever be the difference of opinion we are not going to give that opportunity to the hon. member sitting on the opposite (applause) to take advantage of that opportunity to come and sit on this side.''

SRI S. SWAYAMPRAKASAM :—'' I may say, Sir, that there is no charm in that.''

* THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—'' These grapes are sour. That attitude the hon. member can very well adopt, Sir, I know that as far as Sri Swayamprakasam is concerned, how easily he can be got over to this side. But, Sir, that is not the point. No point need be made out if the fact that no person on this side of the House participated in the debate. As far as we are concerned, we wanted to know the views of the opposite side and as far as our side is concerned, I can always consult them and get their views. As the opposition demanded that there should be a discussion on the subject, we thought, we could get the opinion and that is why many of the hon. members on our side thought that it was not necessary to speak. Therefore, let there be no illusion about it that behind the silence there is a storm-brewing and when that storm comes, there might be some chance for somebody.

'' Sir, I do not think it is necessary for me to dwell further on this subject. Let me end with a pleasant note. To whatever party we may belong, we must have the interests of the children, the future generation who will be living in this country, who will be called upon to administer this country, who will be called upon to enjoy all the labours which we are putting forth now and all the things which we are now doing in our minds and for the sake of those children. let us take an unprejudiced view. Let us take a clear-cut policy with reference to them and let us train them; let us educate them in a particular way, in a way of which they will be proud in the future and say ' our forefathers gave us this excellent training That is why we are able to live the lives that we are leading today.' So, let us take such a decision and let the future be indebted to us. At least let us take decisions in that spirit, Sir. I thank you, for giving me this opportunity.'' (Applause.)

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MR. SPEAKER :—" The question is—

' That the statement of the Hon. the Minister for Education made on 18th May 1954 regarding the Modified Scheme of Elementary Education be taken into consideration.' "

The motion was put and carried.

MR. SPEAKER :—" The House will now adjourn *sine die.*"

The House then adjourned *sine die.*

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APPENDIX I.

[Vide answer to starred question No. 958 asked by Sri V. K. Ramaswami Mudaliar at the meeting of the Legislative Assembly held on 19th May 1954, pages 362-363 supra.]

Extracts from letter No. 20583/53 B-7, dated 21st November 1953, from the Collector and Additional District Magistrate (Independent), Chingleput district, Saidapet, addressed to the Secretary to Government, Agriculture Department, Madras.

[Agriculture—Chingleput and other districts—Pest attack on crops —Immediate measures. *Reference.*—A copy of D.O. No. 4775, B. I/-53-1, dated 17th November 1953, and Government Memorandum No. 5015-B IV, dated 18th November 1953.]

On the representation of one Sri Athur Srinivasa Iyer, B.A., B.L., on 18th November 1953, about the prevalence of pest attack in Chingleput, Kancheepuram and Madurantakam taluks, I immediately sent for the District Agricultural Officer and instructed necessary assistance to the ryots. I also gave my jeep to the District Agricultural Officer to tour the affected areas as he represented that his jeep was out of order. A sum of Rs. 25 was sanctioned by me to the District Agricultural Officer from my discretionary grant for printing the pamphlets for distribution to the ryots I have already issued instructions to District Agricultural Officers and Agricultural Demonstrators to depute the fieldmen and maistris to go round the villages with medicine and advise the ryots as to how to arrest the disease.

APPENDIX II.

[Vide answer to starred question No. 962 asked by Sri A. Ratnam at the meeting of the Legislative Assembly held on 19th May 1954, page 366 supra.]

The number of co-operative societies in the City of Madras, the various kinds of societies and their liabilities.

Number of co-operative societies in the Madras City ..	**306**
Unlimited liability societies—	
Agricultural credit societies	**18**
Other credit societies	**30**
Total ..	**48**
Limited liability societies—	
Central credit institutions —	
State Co-operative Bank	**1**

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Limited liability societies—*cont.*	
Central credit institutions—*cont.*	
Central Co-operative Bank	1
Central Land Mortgage Bank	1
Central non-credit—	
State Marketing Society	1
State Handloom Weavers' Society	1
Spinning Mills	1
Women's Cottage Industrial Society	1
Milk Supply Union	1
Production and sale—	
Fishermen societies	7
Milk supply societies	14
Production—	
Cattle breeding society	1
Non-agricultural credit societies—	
Urban banks maintaining fluid resources	5
Employees' societies, Limited	80
Other credit societies	38
Non-agricultural non-credit—	
Urban stores	8
Semi-urban stores	2
Students' stores	19
Purchase and sale—	
Co-operative canteen and restaurants	10
Miscellaneous	3
Production and sale—	
Handloom, cotton and silk weavers	7
Hand spinners and khadhi weaving	1
Leather workers	1
Potters and clay workers	1
Cottage industrial societies for women	12
Other cottage industries societies	2
Co-operative workshops	1
Printing societies	1
Production—	
Motor transport	1

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Social service—	
Better living	4
Educational	2
Thrift end savings	1
Miscellaneous	1
Housing—	
Building societies	18
House building	2
House construction	2
House mortgage banks	2
Insurance—	
Life Insurance	2
Fire and General	1
Provincial unions and institutes—	
Provincial Co-operative Union	1
Total ..	258

The amount of loan granted to those societies, the interest charged and the amount recovered from those societies in the co-operative year 1952, i.e., from 1st July 1952 to 30th June 1953.

	Amount disbursed.	*Interest charged.*	*Amount recovered.* *Principal.*	*Interest.*
	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.
(*a*) Loan and cash credit disbursed by the Madras Stare Co-operative Bank to the Madras District Co-operative Central Bank.	1,54,65,116	74,039	1,46,92,546	74,039
(*b*) Loans and cash credit disbursed by the Madras District Co-operative Central Bank to its affiliated banks and societies.	92,48,904	1,72,380	85,37,072	1,72,330
(*c*) Government loan sanctioned to milk supply societies and unions.	3,11,270	5,832	3,40,453	5,832
(*d*) Government loans sanctioned to housing societies during 1952–53.	10,84,300	3,79,093	5,54,918	3,79,093

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Appendix III.

[Vide answer to starred question No. 966 asked by Sri K. Aranganathan at the meeting of the Legislative Assembly held on 19th May 1954, page 367 supra.]

Statement showing the number of cases of smuggling of foodgrains, number fined and number acquitted in South Arcot district.

	Year. 1952.	Year. 1953.
(a) Number of cases of smuggling of foodgrains detected.	**170**	**174**
(b) Amount of fines realized ..	**Rs. 5,357**	**Rs. 1,885**
(c) Number of cases that ended in acquittal.	**16**	**7**

Appendix IV.

[Vide answer to starred question No. 1073 asked by Sri D. Dasarathan at the meeting of the Legislative Assembly held on 19th May 1954, page 415 supra.]

Statement.

The following are some of the important measures taken by the Government for the uplift of fishermen and to provide them employment :—

(1) About 63 Fisheries schools of which two are high schools are being run where fisher children are given free education and are taught fishery technique.

(2) Nearly 200 Fishermen Co-operative Societies, have been organized by the Department which afford credit facilities, arrange for the distribution of fishing implements to fishermen and also for marketing of their catches.

(3) About 70 fish-curing yards are maintained by the Government at which fishermen are allowed to cure their surplus catches under hygienic conditions with the salt given to ther to subsidised rates.

(4) Fishermen are helped to go far into the sea for large catches in the motor fishing vessels and motor luggers owned by the Department.

(5) Motor vans for the quick transport of catches to the different marketing centres are provided.

(6) The Government are installing two ice-*cum*-cold store plants one at West Hill, Kozhikode and the other at Mangalore, in order to help fishermen to keep their catches in fresh condition till they are marketed.

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(7) A large number of fishermen are employed by the department in connection with the different schemes. The rules provide for the reservation of vacancies in the Fisheries Department for appointment of qualified candidates among the fishermen.

(8) Preference is given to fishermen and Fishermen co-operatives in the grant of lease of fisheries and such leases are given to them at concessional rates on the basis of average rentals for the previous five years.

APPENDIX V.

[Vide answer to starred question No. 1086 asked by Sri V. R. Nagarajan (on behalf of Sri M. Kattimuthu) at the meeting of the Legislative Assembly held on 19th May 1954, page 421 supra.]

Nature of ameliorative and welfare work done by the Government in the Pallavaram and Perambur Settlements and their results.

Pallavaram Settlement.—Work in the Pallavaram quarries was the chief form of labour originally proposed for the settlers, but leather industry was subsequently taken up, as it was more paying than quarry labour. The Settlement was started with 55 men, 48 women and 39 children of the Veppur Harijans (South Arcot district) and was under the management of the Salvation Army. The men were also employed by the Chrome Leather Company and paid weekly wages. Huts were constructed for the settlers at the cost of the Government. The Chrome Leather Company was however unable to employ the settlers longer owing to the cessation of war contracts, and in 1919 the settlers had to seek employment in the quarries at Pallavaram worked by the Corporation of Madras, as no other work of a suitable nature was available. As the inmates had gained some experience in leather work, the contract for the supply of sandals required for the Police department for 1920 was placed with the Pallavaram Settlement. Housing accommodation for the settlers was gradually improved. Besides the employment provided in th quarris and sandal manufacture, a few settlers were engagd in planting, watering, cleaning, fencing, road-repairing, etc. The opening of a school at the Settlement was ordered in 1917. A new school building with the necessary accessories was sanctioned in 1918–19 and the attendance was reported to be very good. A night school was in progress for the men, and quite a number of men were availing themselves of the opportunity to learn, to read and write. Free medical aid was also provided. A few of the settlers who were incapable of earning their livelihood were maintained by Government by the grant of monthly allowances. Carpet industry was introduced in 1923 to enable the manufacture of carpets for sale in the open market, but it did not prove successful. In 1924, the Government directed that the supply of boots and sandals required by Government departments should be distributed between the Pallavaram Settlement and the Jail department. The agricultural

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possibilities at the Settlement were however almost neglibible. The settlers could not make their homes at Pallavaram becoming in course of time agriculturists owning their own land or cultivating that of others, nor could they become industrial labourers, as it was difficult to find a proper market for the goods made by them. The quarry work was unattractive and difficult and ordinarily no person could make a success of it. In 1931, the Commissioner of Labour reported that to a large extent the settlers at Pallavaram had been reclaimed and that there had been no abscondings during the past few years. In October 1931, the Government ordered the abolition of the Pallavaram Settlement. Twenty-seven out of the 126 registered settlers then in the Pallavaram Settlement were transferred to Aziznagar and the rest were discharged.

Perambur Settlement.—The settlement in the reformatory settlement at Perambur were employed mostly on leather industry. Weaving was also introduced with 12 looms. The conditions were generally satisfactory, as leather work continued to the plentiful and the settlers were able to earn their livelihood. The weaving department maintained a good standard and apart from weaving and leather work, the settlers were employed in the adjacent mills and in the road and wagon works of the Madras Corporation. In 1928, there were only 42 families in the reformatory settlement at Perambur and with one or two exceptions, all the settlers were regularly and remuneratively employed. The settlement's main object, viz., the settling of these inmates in a steady occupation by which they could earn a livelihood honestly having been achieved, the Government ordered the abolition of the Settlement in October 1928.

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